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Mr. Eden's Personal Talk With Mr. Hull

BID FOR UNITED FRONT ON YANGTSE OUTRAGES

STRONG ACTION DEMANDED IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The London press speaks this morning in a singularly united voice, demanding in one form or another stronger action in the Far East.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that British opinion will not be satisfied with any less satisfaction than that demanded by President Roosevelt on behalf of the United States, namely, full reparation.

The "Daily Herald" foreshadow joint Anglo-American diplomatic action, and says it is all a question now of whether the peaceful nations have the wit and the courage to hang together.

DELIBERATE POLICY

The diplomatic correspondent of the "News Chronicle" professes to see a tactical move in the attacks on foreign shipping, triumphal marches, and so on, designed to make white men lose face and thus destroy resistance of the Chinese, who believe the Western nations will be compelled in their own interests ultimately to help China against Japan.

The correspondent says the conviction is growing in British circles that meek acceptance of Japanese apologies will not discourage the Japanese military authorities from fresh acts of aggression.

The argument that the attacks are accidental is no longer accepted.

IMMEDIATE EMBARGO

The "News Chronicle," in a leading article, demands an immediate anti-Japanese embargo on the ground that the only real restraint is joint action effectively to diminish Japan's war power.

The "Daily Mail" says that in any remonstrance or demand the British Government thinks fit to make, it can count on the fullest support of the nation.

BRITAIN AWAITING U.S. DECISION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Diplomatic quarters believe that the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay and the deliberate attacks on British warships in the Yangtse have brought the United States and Britain back to the position of 1931, when Mr. Stimson made definite offers of active co-operation to Sir John Simon.

An exchange of views between London and Washington on the Yangtse outrages has been in progress since the early hours of Monday morning.

Importance of these talks is indicated by the fact that not only the cable but the trans-Atlantic telephone has been used.

According to a Washington message, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, spoke direct to the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, after which Mr. Eden had a lengthy conversation with the Charge d'Affaires in London, Mr. Herschel Johnson.

In the course of yesterday, the Yangtse incidents were also discussed between London and Paris.

British efforts are being directed towards establishment of a united front of both Anglo-Saxon powers and France, and judging by indications last night, considerable progress had been made in this direction.

London circles, however, are not sure whether Washington will agree to this policy.

TONE OF NOTE

The representations made in Tokyo yesterday by the British Ambassador regarding the Yangtse incidents are regarded here as the forerunner to a sharp Note of protest which is now in course of preparation.

It is declared in informed circles that the tone of this Note will depend to a certain extent on the outcome of the Anglo-American conversations.

In any case, Anglo-Japanese relations are worse than they have ever previously been—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE SEIZE LARGE ISLAND NEAR INDO-CHINA

Reports reaching Hong Kong from reliable quarters about new dispositions of the Japanese forces, are serving to confirm rumours of an impending large-scale Japanese onslaught on South China.

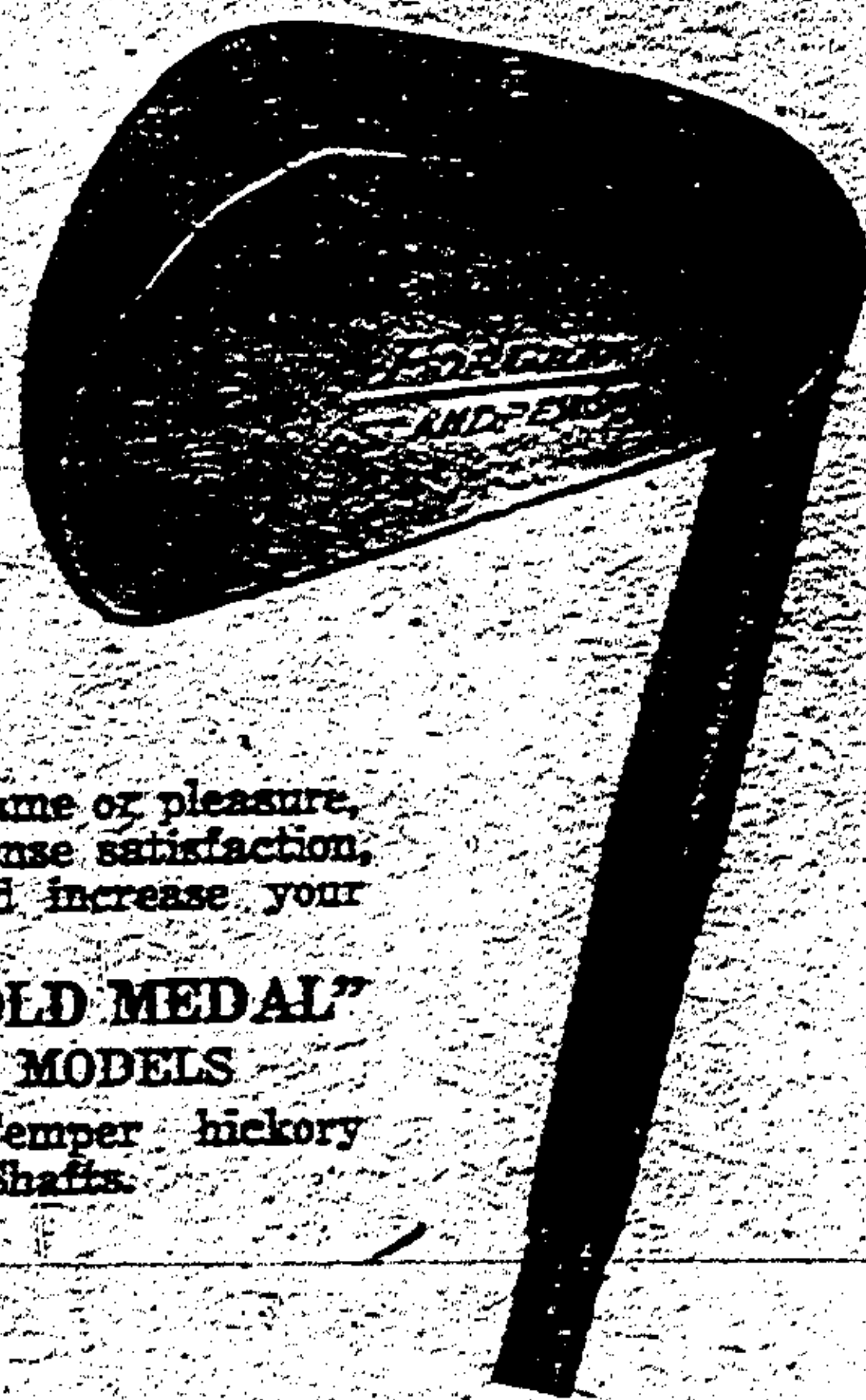
It is now known here, for instance, that Japanese marines have taken possession of the large island of Wai-chiao, north-west of Hainan, half way between Haiphong and Liuchow, and 30 miles due south of Pakhoi.

Furthermore, the Japanese naval command has now stationed five Japanese cruisers and various auxiliary craft at St. John's Island, between Hong Kong and the French possession of Kwangchowwan.

Finally, a further detachment of Japanese marines has been landed on Kinmen Island, near Amoy.

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THE FALL OF NANKING

Chiang Kai-Shek's Broadcast To Nation

TROOPS GIVEN ORDERS TO WITHDRAW

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese defenders of Nanking, after withstanding intensive Japanese attacks for one week, were yesterday ordered by the Generalissimo to withdraw.

Withdrawal was carried out in an orderly manner, and was completed shortly before yesterday evening, when Japanese forces claimed to have "completely occupied" the former capital.

Fall of Nanking came four months, however, that the bulk of the troops went up river by boat and launch. Fighting desperately to stem the Japanese attacks, a small force of Chinese troops was left in Nanking when the main body of the army withdrew.

General Chiang Kai-shek has issued a statement that withdrawal of Chinese troops from Nanking will not materially effect the policy of the National Government to resist the Japanese troops to the bitter end.

NO SIGNIFICANCE

Evacuation of Nanking was undertaken in order to strengthen the Chinese positions by which the war of resistance may effectively be continued.

The Generalissimo pointed out that since the seat of the National Government was removed from Nanking, the city had no further military significance.

The Chinese army was fighting to a plan to avoid heavy sacrifice, and in accordance with that plan, the troops at Nanking had been ordered to withdraw to new positions, where they will continue resistance.

SMALL REARGUARD

No information is available regarding routes which the withdrawing army took. It is presumed,

that the bulk of the troops went up river by boat and launch.

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HSIAKWAN FIGHT

These troops were reported last night to be still holding the Hsiakwan waterfront district between the walled city and the Yangtse, but unless they slipped out during the night, they will be in an extremely precarious position to-day when retreat to the river, now the only means of escape, may be cut off by Japanese warships steaming up from Chinkiang.

General Matsui is expected to enter Nanking within a week, mounted on a charger in the traditional manner of a conqueror.

HONGKEW PARADE

Meanwhile, elated Japanese residents of Hongkew will celebrate the fall of Nanking to-day with a "victory" parade through the streets of Honkew district.

Starting with a rally in an open space near Hongkew Market, the

TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Peiping, To-day.

At 11 a.m. to-day, a "puppet" administration named the "Government of China" will be inaugurated here, when a meeting of pro-Japanese leaders, is scheduled.

The town is beflagged with emblems of the rising sun.

According to official quarters here, it is stated that after the Government is established Japan will sever diplomatic relations with the National Government of China and will, in due course, recognise the "puppet" state in North China.—Our Own Correspondent.

ALL LINKS WITH NANKING NOW CUT OFF

Hankow, To-day.

It is now growing increasingly difficult to obtain any exact news from the Nanking front, as all communications—telephone, wireless and telegraph between Hankow and Nanking have now been cut.

It appears certain, however, that the Japanese troops have penetrated into the heart of the capital, where bitter street-fighting continued right up to the last moment.

Reports from Pukow, that the Japanese soldiers have also captured that city are denied here, where it is stated that the Nanking troops are repulsing Japanese attacks.

Concerning the bombing and sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, the official spokesman of the Chinese Government has issued a statement, in which the sincere regrets of the Chinese National Government are expressed at the fact that the Japanese aggressor saw fit to bomb and sink an American warship and that Britons, Americans and Italians lost their lives as a result.

"The world," the spokesman added, "now realises that the aim of the Japanese aggression is merely to further the imperialistic aims of the Japanese army."

The Chinese Government has been in communication with the provincial Government of Anhwei and has ordered that every facility be accorded the survivors now in hospital at Hoshien.—Trans-Ocean.

LOGICAL STEP

Hankow, To-day.

Acting under orders direct from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the defenders of Nanking withdrew from the Capital yesterday afternoon, this movement being regarded as logical by foreign military observers, as the Capital was practically encircled by Japanese forces threatening the Chinese with annihilation should they remain within the walls of the city.

CHIANG BROADCASTS

Generalissimo Chiang, in a speech which was broadcast throughout the country last night, stated that the withdrawal of the defenders from the Capital was the only way to prevent further unnecessary losses in troops. "The defenders of the Capital," said Generalissimo Chiang, "have withstood, gallantly and bravely, severe artillery and aerial attacks, which no army in history has yet been subjected to, and under which no army, equipped similarly to the defenders of Nanking, could survive for long."

FIGHTING ON

After paying high tribute to the defenders of the Capital, Generalissimo Chiang, went on to appeal to the nation not to be discouraged. "We will continue to resist the invaders and it is immaterial to where the Capital of China may be transferred. We will not surrender an inch of territory without a fight," concluded Generalissimo Chiang.—Our Own Correspondent.

TOKYO GOES WILD

Tokyo, To-day.

The populace went "wild" last evening when the news of the occupation of Nanking by the Japanese troops was received.

Shouts of "Banzai" was heard throughout the night in all quarters. Mass processions, in which a million school children will take part, are planned for to-day.—Our Own Correspondent.

MISSIONARIES MURDERED

Peiping, To-day.

Three American missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Harsh and Miss Meher, who disappeared on December 2 from the Japanese-occupied town of Shouyang on a night-time errand of mercy, are believed to have been murdered.—Reuter.

TOKYO MINISTER RESIGNS

Tokyo, To-day.

It is officially announced that the Home Minister, Dr. Eichi Baba, has resigned owing to ill-health.

The Cabinet Councilor, Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu, has been appointed Home Minister.—Reuter.

The B. I. Steamship Santhia will leave for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta on or about Friday, December 17 at 10.30 a.m.



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"On The Avenue"—Piano Medley (Berlin).
12.40 p.m.—Cinema Organ.
Medley.
Frasquita Serenade (Lehar).
The Whistler And His Dog (Pryor).
Robinson Crusoe.
Popular Melodies—No. 3.
Harold Ramsay.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra. Tunes Of Not-So-Long-Ago—1921-22. Popular Songs.
Medley of Well-Known Dance Tunes.
"The Millionaire Kid"—Selection (Mayer).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast & Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Major H. S. Reed. Subject: "What I have seen and what I have not seen in the New Territories of Hong Kong."
2.15 p.m.—The Changing Of The Guard—Ceremony. Played by the Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Major George Miller (With words of Command).
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4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
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"La Bohème"—Your tiny hand is frozen—Jussi Björling (Tenor).
"Der Rosenkavalier"—(Richard Strauss) Waltz movements from Act 3....The Berlin State Opera Orchestra. Cond. Alois Melichar.
2.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
2.35 p.m.—Studio—Eva Turner (Soprano) and Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).
1. Spring (Handel).
2. The Chestnut Tree.
3. Dedication (Schumann).
Piano Interlude.
4. Sweet chance that led my steps (Michael Head).
5. Sweet Suffolk Owl (Elizabeth Poston).
6. The Lover's Maze.
7. Rest sweet Hymns (Peter Warlock).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Nura Kams (Piano) playing Schumann's "Carnaval".
8.25 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Deutschmeister Regimental March (Jurek).
Spring's Delight—March—Intermezzo (Albion).
Mighty Lak' A Rose.
The Rosary (Nevin).
Salut D'Amour (Elgar).

I Kiss Your Lips (Rodolphe).
Where My Caravan Has Rested (Lohr).
Love's Old Sweet Song (Molloy).
Potpourri Of Waltzes, No. 3 (Robrecht).
8.55 p.m.—London Relay—The Birthday Of His Majesty King George VI. Salute of guns at the Tower of London, and a description of the scene, broadcast from the Tower of London.
9.10 p.m.—London Relay—Military Band Music.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Dance Records.
Fox-Trots—
On Your Toes.
There's A Small Hotel (film "On Your Toes")—Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Tangos—
Punto Arenas (Codevilla).
San Fernando (Codevilla).
Heinz Huppertz & His Orch.
Fox-Trot—I Need You.
Novelty-Fox-Trot—Dancing Moth.
Jay Wilbur & His Band.
Quick-Step—I Wasn't Lying When I Said "I Love You".
Waltz—Oh, Mr. Man In The Moon.
Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
10.15 p.m.—London Relay—Entertainment At St. George's, 1867-1937. The story of a London hall of entertainment through seventy years. Written by Leslie Bailey, produced by Charles Brewer and broadcast in the seventieth anniversary year of the opening of St. George's Hall, originally the London Academy of Music, subsequently the home of the German Reed Entertainments, and of Maske, Lyne and Devant's Mysteries, and today the headquarters of the BBC Variety Department. The programme, compiled by Jasper Maskelyne and John Waff.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

9.15 a.m.—Recital by Harold Lohb (Australian Pianist).
9.35 a.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
9.55 a.m.—Empire Exchange.
10.10 a.m.—Scottish Songs.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—
GSI 21.53 Mc/s (1393 m.)
GSG 21.47 Mc/s (1397 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (1636 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (1936 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben "Spites" and Goblins. Concerning the mysterious Elfeland and what happens there.
11.15 a.m.—The BBC Welsh Orchestra.
11.45 a.m.—Reginald Porter Brown, at the Organ of the Forum Cinema, Southampton.
12.15 p.m.—Over the Hill Came Love. A sentimental Irish story.
12.35 p.m.—The Forum Theatre Orchestra.
12.55 p.m.—The Birthday of his Majesty King George VI: Salute of Guns at the Tower of London, and a description of the scene, broadcast from the Tower of London.
1.10 p.m.—Military Band Music.
1.30 p.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSI 21.47 Mc/s (1397 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (1636 m.)
GSG 15.14 Mc/s (1932 m.)
GSI (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
2.15 p.m.—Big Ben "Entertainment at St. George's, 1867-1937". The story of a London Hall of Entertainment through seventy years.
3.15 p.m.—The Birthday of his Majesty King George VI: Salute of Guns at the Tower of London, and a description of the scene, broadcast from the Tower of London.
3.30 p.m.—Music for Royal Occasions.
3.45 p.m.—Quarterly Technical Talk—By Sir Noel Ashbridge, Chief Engineer of the British Broadcasting Corporation.
4 p.m.—The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Keyboard Music through the Ages—11. Modern Spanish Composers.
4.45 p.m.—World Affairs. A talk by J. L. Brierly, Q.C., Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford.
5 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

An Amazing Variety

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: I am inclosing a hand that caused a local civil war at our weekly country club duplicate. The variety of results on this hand was amazing, ranging from six hearts bid by North and seven made, to five spades by West, made at one table, down one at another, and down three at a third.

"West, dealer.
"Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S-6 3
H-A K J 4 2
D-K Q 10 5 4 3
C-None
WEST EAST
S-A K Q J S-10 8 5 4 2
H-9 8 H-7 6
D-6 D-9 2
C-K Q J 7 2 2 C-A 10 6 4
SOUTH
S-9 7
H-Q 10 5 3
D-A J 8 7
C-9 8 5

"At the table where North-South stumbled into top score the bidding was:
West North East South
1 club 2 clubs 3 clubs 3 diamonds
3 spades 4 hearts 4 spades 5 hearts
5 spades 6 hearts Pass
Double Pass Pass Pass
"At this table East innocently opened the ace of clubs, and that was the last time that his side was on lead. North ruffed, drew trumps and discarded South's two spades on the long diamonds, then ruffed his own spades in dummy.

"The next highest score went to a North-South team that did not even buy the contract.

"Here the bidding was:
West North East South
1 club Double 2 clubs 2 hearts
2 spades 4 hearts 4 spades Pass
Pass 5 hearts 5 spades Pass
Pass Double Pass Pass
Pass

"Personally, I don't think much of North's final double, but I admit that he certainly went after the defense in a big way.

"The heart king was opened, and South signaled with the ten spot. Ignoring this, North shifted to a low diamond. South won with the ace and, after a long huddle in which he came to the conclusion that both the bidding and North's play signified a void of clubs in the North hand, returned a club. North ruffed and underled the ace of hearts to put South back on lead. South accommodatingly won with the queen and led another club, thus

putting North's two little trumps to yeoman service.

"At still another table the North-South defense blew sky high against a five spade contract. The heart king was opened, but South was afraid that North had started with six hearts and, thus, gave a low signal. North then shifted to the diamond king. South overtook and led back a diamond. Curtain! West ruffed, drew trumps, and chucked East's losing heart on a long club.

"All in all, it was quite a scramble.

"Yours very truly,
"R. E. B. Philadelphia."

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: What is the correct opening bid on the following:
S-A K Q 8 5
H-8
D-K Q J 10
C-A Q J ?

Answer: Two spades.

TO-MORROW'S HAND

East, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S-9 8 5
H-A K J 10
D-7 5 4 2
C-A K

WEST EAST
S-7 S-A K 3
H-9 8 6 4 3 2 H-Q
D-J 9 3 D-A Q 10 8
C-J 6 2 C-9 8 5 4

SOUTH
S-Q J 10 6 4 2
H-7 5
D-K 6
C-Q 10 7

Mr. Culbertson will discuss his hand in to-morrow's article.

JO-JOTTE POINTER

Some players feel that a mulo bid is a confession of weakness, and that whenever the defender bids mulos they can bid a slam because he probably cannot win a trick. This does not necessarily hold true. Mulos can be bid with a holding such as A B 7 in a suit. Unless the opponent has three cards of a suit the mulos player will not win a trick with his ace; yet he probably can win a trick with his ace to stop a slam. As a matter of fact, a player should avoid bidding mulos when his hand is so pitifully weak that he is defenseless against a slam bid. Sometimes your opponent will bid a slam over your mulos bid with no real expectation of making his slam, but merely because he does not expect to defeat the mulo contract, and hopes to lose less than 200 points by being defeated at his slam. Beware of this drive-ing him into a makeable slam contract.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1
Frequencies—
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (1636 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (1936 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (2553 m.)
GSB 9.51 Mc/s (3155 m.)
C.M.T.

8.15 a.m.—Big Ben "Palace of Varieties."

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Stowaway."—With Shirley Temple, Robert Young, Alice Faye, Eugene Pallette, Helen Westley, Arthur Treacher and J. Edward Bromberg. Shirley in China, stowing away on a round-the-world liner, "busting up a phoney" romance and making possible a real one. Also 20th Century Fox's technicolor Coronation pictures.

AT THE STAR—"The Lilac Domino."—With June Knight and Michael Bartlett. A delightful romantic musical comedy.

AT THE KING'S—"The Prisoner of Zenda."—With Ronald Colman, Madeleine Carroll, Mary Astor and Douglas Fairbanks Jr. Anthony Hope's master-piece filmed in all detail and with outstanding performances by Ronald Colman and Madeleine Carroll.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"100 Men and a Girl."—With Deanna Durbin, Adolphe Menjou and Alice Brady. A comedy drama with music featuring Deanna Durbin and Leopold Stokowski the famous conductor.

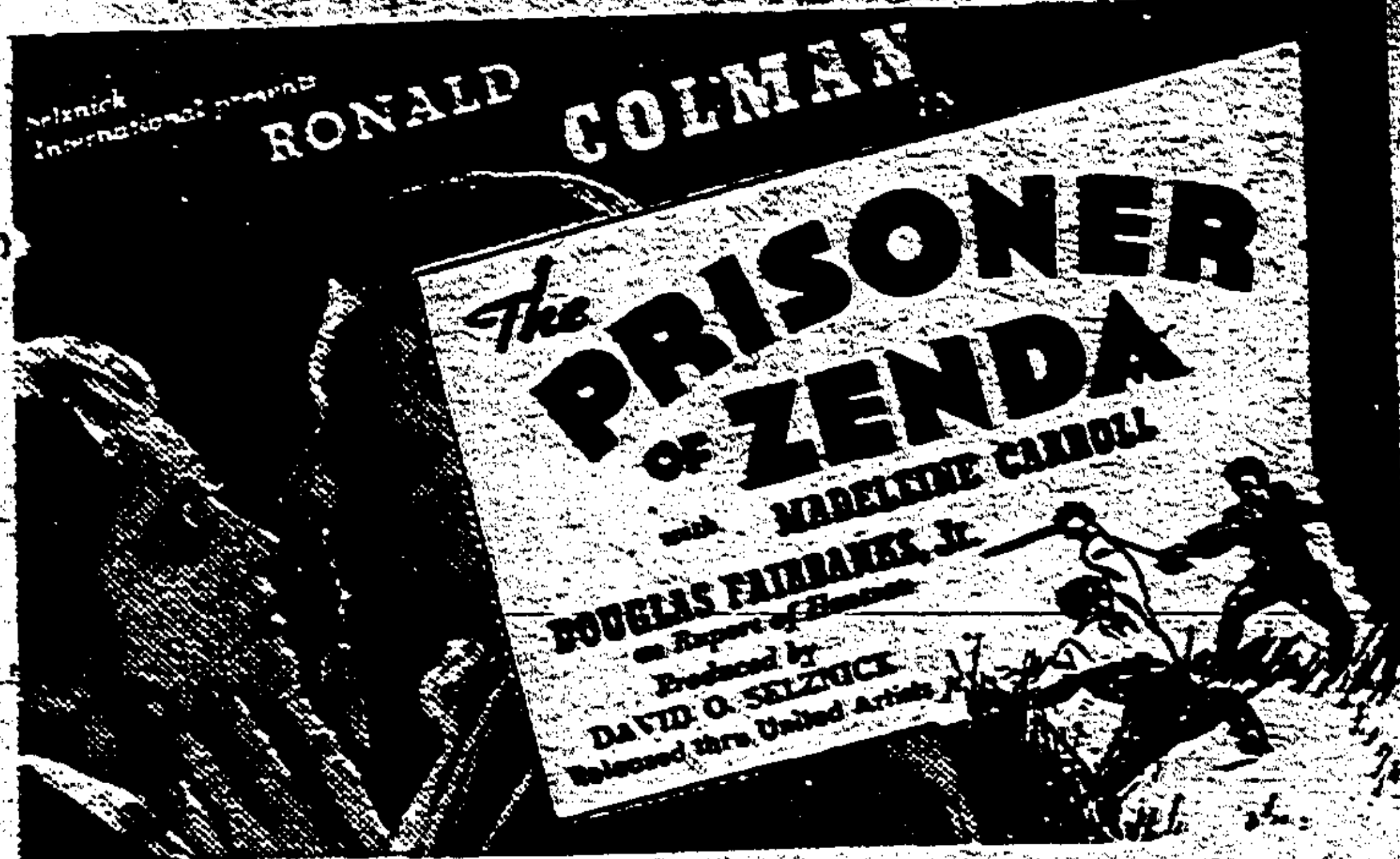
AT THE MAJESTIC—"Woman of Glamour."—Virginia Bruce and Melvyn Douglas make a delightful picture; their supporting cast includes Reginald Denny, Pat Kelton, Leona Maricle and Thornton Hall. Lunt Starring girl Mary C. McCall wrote the screen story from a play by Milton Herbert Gropper.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Cattle Thief."—With Ken Maynard, Geneva Mitchell, Ward Bond and Sheldon Lewis. Maynard enacts the dual role of a mysterious rider and a stupid peddler. Through a series of spine-chilling adventures the picture reaches a grand climax as Maynard outwits a desperate band of robbers.



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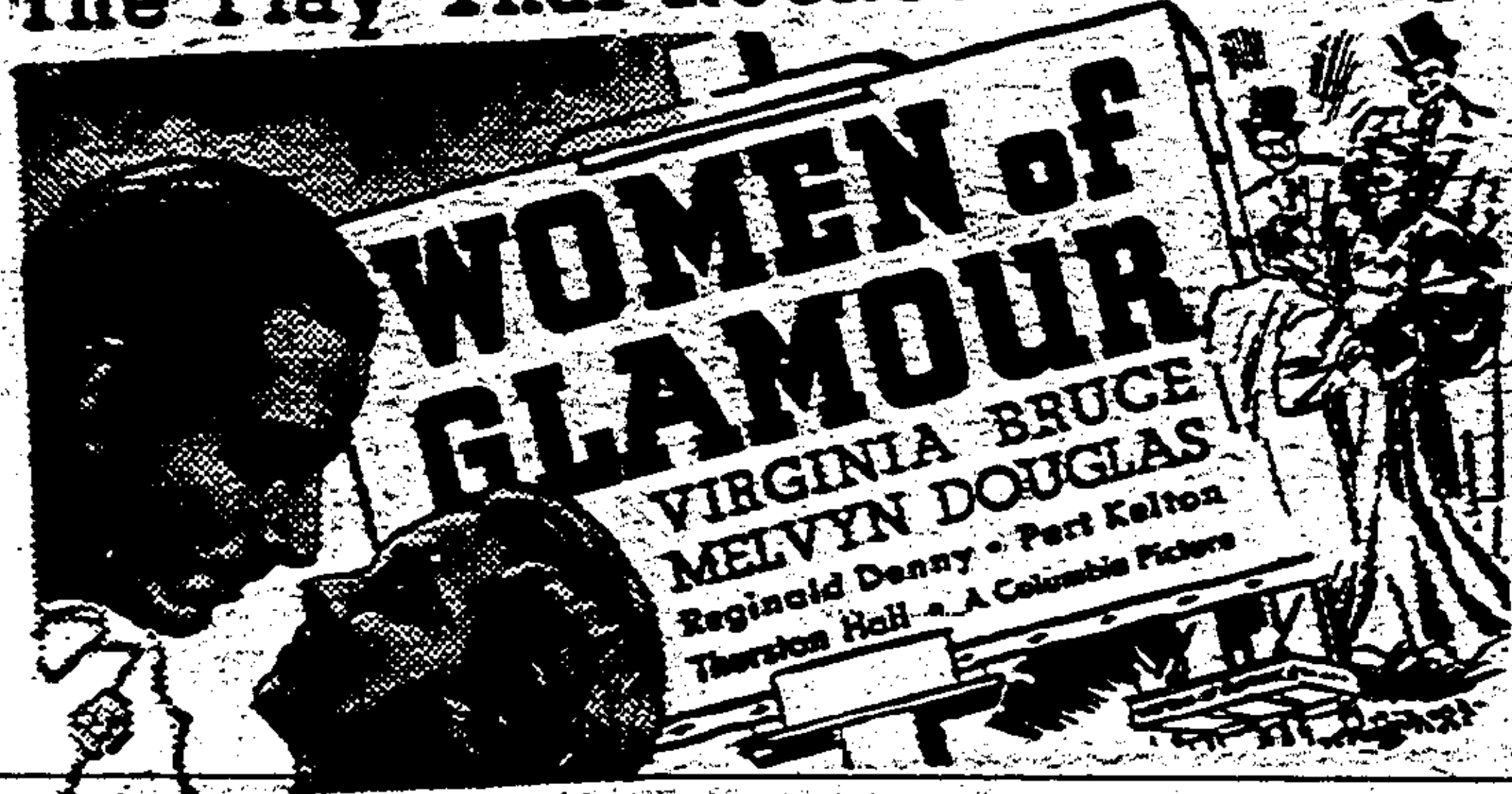
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MIXED OPINIONS ON PANAY INCIDENT AMONG AMERICAN SENATORS

Washington, To-day.

Their views on the Panay sinking were expressed by various leading Senators yesterday, as follows:

Senator Borah: "I do not see anything in the situation calling for drastic action."

Senator Albert Thomas: "I discount the likelihood of a serious situation arising, since the Japanese have assumed full responsibility."

Senator Pat McCarran declared: "We should have been out of Chinese waters long ago."

Senator Shipstead demanded withdrawal of all American military forces.

Senator Kay Pittman described the sinking as the climax to an intolerable series of incidents designed to frighten foreigners from China. He said: "It is little satisfaction to have the Japanese Government express its regrets on each such occasion. Some high Japanese officers are responsible for such outrages. Their names should be determined and they should be punished. Only such punishment will demonstrate the good faith of Japan."

REASONABLE SUSPICION
"The Japanese Government subjects itself to the reasonable suspicion that such incidents are deliberate for the purpose of frightening nationals of neutral countries so that they demand their government to withdraw all representatives and nationals from China." — Reuter.

GERMANY'S FINISHING BLOW TO LEAGUE

Rome, To-day.

"A most excellent statement," was Signor Mussolini's comment to a German journalist yesterday when asked to give his opinion of the official Berlin statement on Italy's withdrawal from Geneva.

Il Duce, who "made no attempt to conceal his satisfaction," said that the declaration was absolutely clear and unambiguous, and that by stressing Germany's intention never to return to the League, the declaration had dealt the "finishing blow" to the Geneva institution. — Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN AZORES CANARD

London, To-day.

Replying to a question as to whether he was aware of a statement published in the Government-controlled Italian press that Britain intends to annex the Azores Islands, now Portuguese territory, Mr. Eden said: "I am aware of the publication of the statement but I am confident it will be everywhere appreciated that no significance need be attached to fantastic statements of this kind because they are entirely devoid of foundation. In my view, fabrications of this kind only do harm to the people who make them." — British Wireless.

ZIMMERN-LEE WEDDING AT CATHEDRAL

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon when Miss Nera Zimmern, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Zimmern, of No. 1 Kennedy Road, became the bride of Mr. Robert Lee, of the Office Appliance Company, the Interport cricketer.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a chiffon velvet gown with a long train and trimmed with pearls. She was attended by Miss Molly Churn.

Mr. N. A. E. Mackay was best man and the service was conducted by the Rev. H. W. Baines, himself an Interport cricketer. Mr. A. Lindsay Lafford rendered appropriate music on the organ during the service, which was wholly choral.

Following the ceremony, a reception is being held on the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

The honeymoon will be spent at Sheung Shui.

MCKINLEY SAILS WITH HOOVER PASSENGERS

A radio message has been received from the s.s. "President McKinley" that she sailed from Hoishoto Island at 5.30 last evening direct for Manila with 453 passengers from the "Pres. Hoover."

The "President McKinley" is due to arrive at Manila to-morrow morning and is expected to arrive in Hong Kong on Monday, December 20.

RENT FOR GOVT. QUARTERS

Following the issue raised during the recent Budget debate, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, in Legislative Council to-morrow, will move the following resolution:

That a Committee be appointed to consider and report to this Council upon the expenditure incurred in the housing of Government Civil Servants and also upon what would be the proper percentage of salary to be paid by various grades of Government Civil Servants as rent for the use of Government Quarters.

Japanese Demands On Shanghai Municipal Council

London, To-day.

Questioned by Lt.-Com. R. T. H. Fletcher (Labour, Nuneaton) in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to demands the Shanghai Municipal Council had received from the Japanese military authorities, Mr. Anthony Eden, in a written reply, says he was informed that on December 3, the Japanese representative handed to the Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal police a statement indicating that the Japanese military authorities reserved the right to take independent action in the Settlement without previous notice to the Council if the situation rendered it necessary.

The Council referred the matter to the Consular Body, who, Mr. Eden understood, were now communicating with the Japanese authorities.

Lt.-Com. Fletcher asked through what channel his Majesty's Government communicates with the Shanghai Municipal Council in regard to action they consider the Council should take in regard to demands formulated and action taken by the Japanese military authorities.

CONSULAR BODY

Mr. Eden, in a written reply, said that the Council is an international body, and any advice of the nature indicated would be communicated to the Council collectively by the Consular Body through the Senior Consul in Shanghai.

Conversely, if the Council desired such advice, it would refer to the Consular Body through the Senior Consul.—Reuter.

GERMAN KUK KONG MISSION BOMBED

Canton, To-day.

It is reported that the buildings of the German Mission at Kuk Kong in Kwangtung Province were bombed last night.

No casualties are yet reported, but material damage is said to be great. The grave of the founder of the mission, Rev. Leuschner, situated five metres from the main building, was destroyed. Rev. Leuschner first came to Kuk Kong (Shuichow) in 1902, and died in 1922.

It is reported that the main Japanese object in Kuk Kong is the recently completed electricity plant.

The only foreign missionary in Kuk Kong is said to be Dr. Hartnell in the Kuk Kong Hospital. Mr. Kohls of the Berlin Mission, whose house is situated in closest proximity to the damaged grave, is at present in Hong Kong with Mrs. Kohls and their children. They have received no further details yet and are in grave anxiety concerning their belongings.—Trans-Ocean.

PALESTINE OUTRAGE

Haifa, To-day.

Eight persons were injured, four seriously, when a Jewish bus was subjected to heavy rifle fire near Nazareth yesterday.—Reuter.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

During a debate in the Lords on the Air Raid Precautions Bill, the Air Minister, Viscount Swinton, referring to the anti-gas precaution work already accomplished, said that the school for instruction in Gloucestershire had been turning out instructed persons at the rate of 120 monthly.

A second school would shortly be established in the neighbourhood of York.

Some 200,000 volunteers had already been instructed in anti-gas measures. In addition, every policeman in the regular forces has also been trained, as well as a very large number of special constabulary.

Special systems of training had been instituted for doctors and something like 10,000 doctors and 10,000 nurses had been instructed as to medical treatment in gas cases. It was essential to prevent anything in the nature of panic in the work of giving security and this he thought had been achieved.

20,000,000 GASMASKS

Referring to the provision of respirators, he said that in July last year an old cotton mill was taken over on the principle of the "shadow factory" for the making of gas masks. This factory had produced 20,000,000 gas masks or respirators, and he believed we were the only country that had so developed the mass production of gas masks on such a scale.

Arrangements had also been made for providing 12 central store depots which would each hold something like 3,000,000. Five of these depots were already in existence.—British Wireless.

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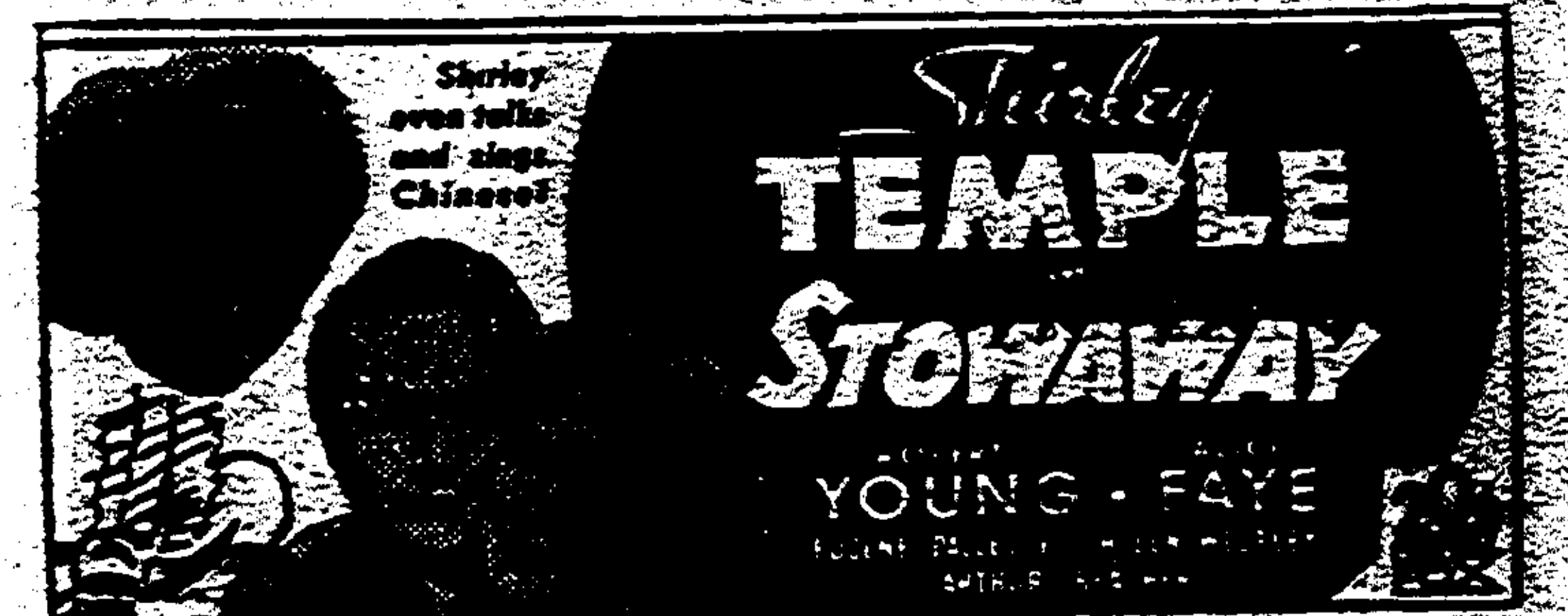
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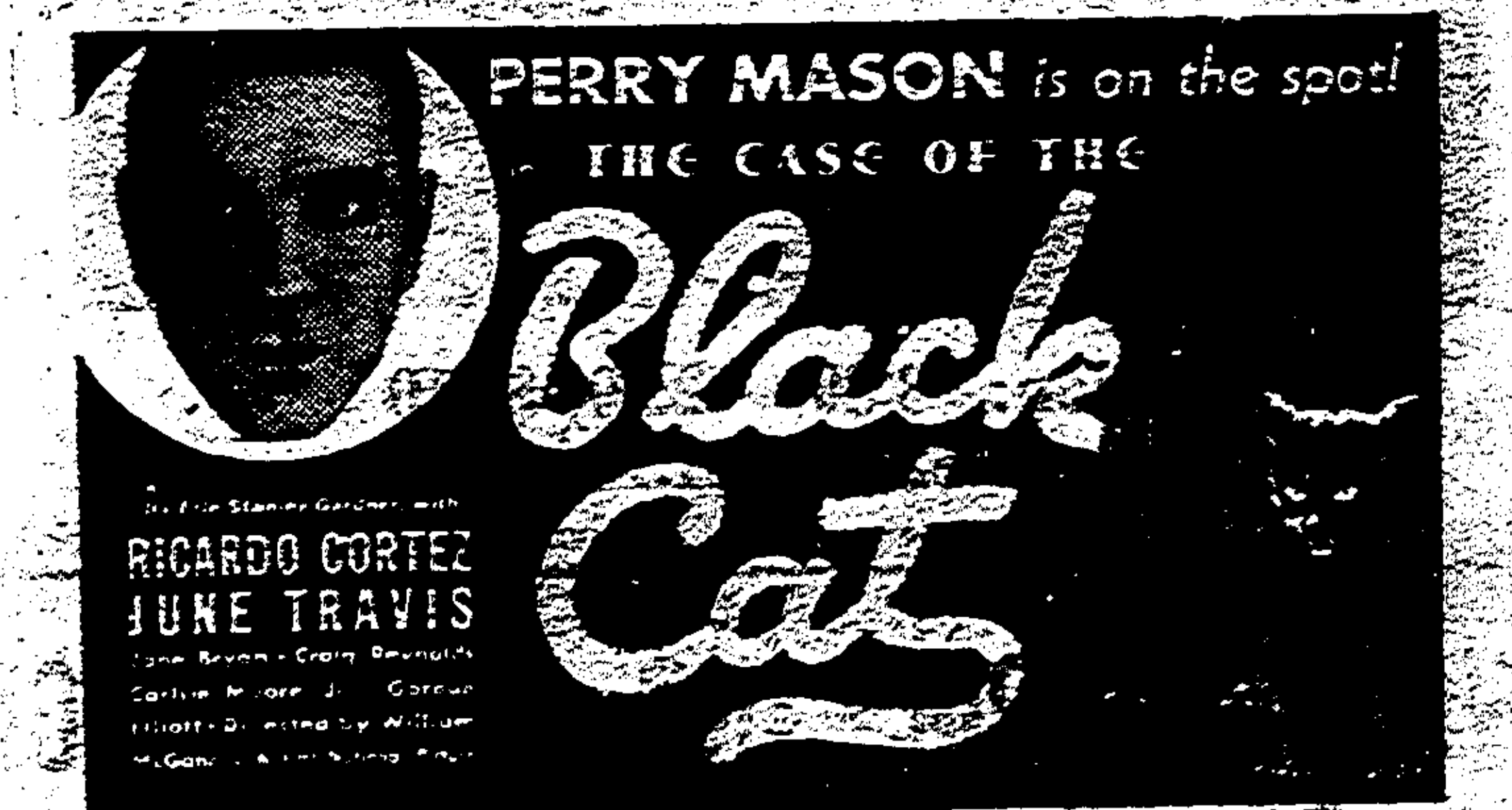
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WILD STORMS ROUND BRITISH COAST

London, To-day.

The worst storms in many years are now raging all parts of the British Isles.

The giant French liner "Normandie" was forced to anchor while battling the gale off the Isle of Wight yesterday.

The troopship "Dunera," with troops from Egypt and Malta on board, is fighting heavy seas in the Bay of Biscay.

Many parts of the north of England, and Scotland, are isolated.

A small vessel bound for London was driven ashore in a gale on the Irish coast, and the crew rescued by rocket apparatus.—Reuter.

NO EXCUSE NOR APOLOGY FROM MR. ATTLEE

London, To-day.

The Opposition leader, Mr. Attlee, made a personal statement in the Commons in connection with the motion which had been tabled, inviting the House to pass a vote of censure, alleging that while in Spain recently, he contravened as inconsistent with the Government's policy of non-intervention.

Mr. Attlee said the basis of the charge appeared to be an inaccurate report of a speech he made at a luncheon given in his honour. He went to Spain on the invitation of the Spanish Prime Minister. His views were well known in this country.

Although the Leader of the Op-

ACTS OF HOSTILITY AGAINST FOREIGN SHIPS WITHOUT PROVOCATION

Paris, To-day.

"If the facts as related by telegrams from the Far East are true, they describe an illegal action which could not be allowed in any organised society or civilised state," says "Le Temps" in a leading article on Japanese attacks on foreign shipping.

"The latest incidents at Nanking are of a particularly grave nature, as it is a question of real acts of hostility against British and American warships without any provocation on their part.

"It is understandable that the warlike act against the gunboat Panay should cause the greatest concern in Washington."

The journal adds that there is reason to believe that the incidents were premeditated acts on the part of certain Japanese forces, and declares that British, French and American warships have an absolute right to be in the Yangtse.

UNALLOWABLE ACTION

The Governments principally interested in Far Eastern affairs have given sufficient proof of goodwill, for it would be impossible to suspect them of wanting to use the present crisis as a pretext for checking Japan and forcing her into a general war.

The paper concludes with a warning to Japan against taking action unallowable by Powers who have any sense of their dignity and duty of protecting foreign nationals.—Reuter.

TRIUMPHAL MARCH

Shanghai, To-day.

A "triumphal march" into Nanking by military and naval units, headed by General Matsui and Admiral Hasegawa, is planned for to-morrow or Thursday, according to a Japanese military spokesman this morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

AMERICAN WARNING TO JAPAN

Washington, To-day.

A warning to Japan to make her apology for the Panay wholehearted and speedy, is given by the conservative newspaper, the Washington "Star."

The journal says there will be little disposition by the United States to wait as long as Britain did for an explanation of Japanese bombing of her Ambassador, or be content with as grudging and half-hearted an apology as London was willing to accept.

Sinking of the Panay and the tankers can only have deplorable consequences if Japan, by failing adequately to atone for her misdemeanour, adds arrogance to injury.

To tolerate such conduct by the marauders now putting China to the sword and flame, would be to stamp with approval Japan's whole campaign of brigandage and international lawlessness.—Reuter.

SYRIA AND KING IBN SAUD

Cairo, To-day.

The Syrian Premier will, after his return to Beirut from Paris, accompany the French High Commissioner in Syria, Count Martelli, to Jedda, says a Cairo newspaper.

The paper adds that object of the journey will be to discuss the political situation in the Near East with King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia.—Trans-Ocean.

PANAY SINKING DISCUSSED IN SENATE

Washington, To-day.

The Panay incident was debated in the Senate yesterday, and demands for withdrawal of American naval craft from China were expressed from various quarters.

Senator Barkley replied that such action could not be undertaken.

Senator Johnson urged that Senators should withhold comment until more facts were obtained, but added: "Let's remember that we are Americans, and accord protection to American citizens all over the world."—Reuter.

position, he was a private member and owed no allegiance to the Government. He made no excuse or apology for any action in his visit to Spain.

The Prime Minister said Mr. Attlee had made his personal statement and suggested the House should accept it and let the matter rest there. The House proceeded to other business.—British Wireless.

"PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT" ESTABLISHED IN PEIPING

Ex-Premiers, Ex-Presidents And Ex-Statesmen

JAPAN BRINGS THE OLD ANFU CLIQUE TOGETHER

Shanghai, To-day.

Further particulars are now to hand about the composition of the "provisional government of the Chinese Republic," which will be set up in Peiping at 10 o'clock this morning.

The "government" will comprise two former Chinese presidents, three former Premiers, five ex-Ministers of finance and four former ministers of state, as well as other prominent Chinese statesmen.

The legislative committee will be presided over by Dr. Tang Chao, former Home Minister.

Head of the executive committee and virtual leader of the pro-Japanese government will be Wanr Ko-min, former Finance Minister.

WU PEI-FU

Apparently the Japanese have assured themselves of the co-operation of two former Chinese Presidents, Tsao Kun and Jou Shih-chang, as well as the veteran soldier, Marshal Wu Pei-fu.

First act of the "provisional government" will be solemn repudiation of the Nanking Government, and at the same time an announcement of intention to respect all international obligations entered into by former Chinese Governments.

COLLABORATION WITH JAPAN

Collaboration with Japan and Manchukuo, and extermination of Communism, will be cardinal points of its programme.

Much doubt is expressed in Chinese quarters in Shanghai regarding Japanese versions of composition of the new "government."

Only names of importance are those of the two former Presidents and Marshal Wu Pei-fu, and it is held to be impossible that these three men have placed their services at the disposal of the Japanese.

WU'S LOYALTY

It is pointed out that only a few weeks ago, Marshal Wu Pei-fu called on General Chiang Kai-shek to assure him of his absolute loyalty.

He and the two ex-Presidents had escaped from Hopei province some time ago, suspecting that the Japanese would try and enlist their services for carrying out of their plans.—Trans-Ocean.

PROCEEDING FAYOURABLE

Peiping, To-day.

Negotiations at present are in hand here for formation of a new Chinese "Government" to replace the Nanking administration.

Japanese quarters allege that the negotiations are proceeding favourably and will be completed soon.

The Japanese, it is learned, intend to form a "Federation" similar to that of Switzerland, for all that part of China occupied by Japanese troops, by which the authority of provincial governments is to be considerably increased.

GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Formation of a so-called "government committee" is already pending, and this is to be presided over by a "temporary Premier."

Although other candidates have been proposed, Tsao Kun, who was President of the Chinese Republic in 1923 and 1924, will probably be appointed to the post.—Trans-Ocean.

ANFU CLIQUE

Tokyo, To-day.

A "provisional government of the Republic of China" is expected to be established in Peiping to-day. According to the "Asahi Shimbun," survivors of the former Anfu clique will play prominent roles in the new regime.

It is believed that Tsao Kun, President of China in 1923, will be appointed President of the new "Government" and Marshal Wu Pei-fu Vice-President.

CHI HSIEH-YUAN

General Chi Hsieh-Yuan, formerly military governor of Kiangsu, will be appointed Premier and War Minister, while Hsu Shih-chang, another ex-President of China, and Wang Ko-min, are also expected to be given high positions.

The new regime, it is forecast, will issue a manifesto pledging "respect for all treaties and agreements concluded between China and those countries which maintain friendly relations with China."—Reuter.

WANG KO-MIN

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned here that Wang Ko-min will be appointed head of the executive committee of the provisional government for North China, which will be formally set up under Japanese protection at Peiping to-day.

Wang Ko-min, who has been singled out as leader of this pro-Japanese government, is 65 years of age, and at one time was President of the Bank of China.

In 1917 he was made Minister of Finance, and in 1934 he re-appeared on the political stage as government commissary in Peiping, going into retirement the next year.—Trans-Ocean.

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone has decreased considerably in intensity and now exists as a ridge of high pressure extending from the Yangtse Valley to the Pacific to the south of Japan.

The China Sea depression is probably filling up to the south of the Paracels.

Local forecast:—N. E. winds fresh; cloudy.

HIGH JAPANESE LOSSES IN NANKING SIEGE

Hankow, To-day.

That the Chinese troops, protected as they were by concrete shelters, inflicted heavier casualties on the Japanese than they themselves suffered, is indicated in reliable reports on the military situation following Chinese withdrawal from the city.

Chinese planes, it is stated, yesterday delivered a farewell message to the enemy in the form of repeated lightning raids on Japanese depots and troop concentrations behind the line.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANS ON BOARD BRITISH SHIP ATTACKED

Hankow, To-day.

British vessels attacked by Japanese planes in the Yangtse on Sunday also included the B. and S. steamer Whangpoo, which was anchored in the river near Shakuan.

The British military attaché, Col. Lovat-Fraser, and members of the staff of the German Embassy at Nanking, were on board when the attack took place.

Col. Lovat-Fraser immediately lodged a vigorous protest with the Japanese.

The Whangpoo and other vessels moved up river after the attack.—Trans-Ocean.

REARGUARD STILL FIGHTING IT OUT

Shanghai, To-day.

Although the Japanese last night officially claimed complete occupation of Nanking, there is good reason to believe that the small Chinese rearguard is still fighting it out.

The Japanese yesterday stormed the Military Academy, and suffered heavy losses in the process, afterwards pushing on to Pukweishan, in the heart of the city.—Trans-Ocean.

SHING MUN DEFECT

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will ask the Government if it is prepared to make a statement to this Council in regard to the reported defect discovered in Shing Mun and the position regarding thereto of the Hong Kong Government, the Consulting Engineers, and the Resident Engineer?

Mrs. L. D. Oliver, of Arlington Hotel, lost a bracelet valued at \$50, between the Star Ferry and the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday afternoon.

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But you know as well as I do that a book has appeared in which our national character is reflected by a painstaking weekly, which has carefully collected the best and sanest sayings of the year and has now published them at the price of one shilling?

Not as a Serious Contribution to Modern Thought, but as a funny book for the long winter evenings.

It isn't cricket, I know.

Just to make public this betrayal of our finer side, I fearlessly reprint some of the remarks.

"Hunting is really kindness to the fox. Instead of being the scum of the earth—as low in the opinion of man as a rat—he has become almost a king, respected by nearly everyone." (A pony club speaker.)

British to the backbone, that remark.

Or again: "It would be an unhappy day for the future of the Senior Service if the baggies failed to function. Hunting taught sound sporting qualities, and enabled cadets to go forth to all parts of the world as ambassadors for their country." (Speaker at a Hunt breakfast.)

Considering that that was said at breakfast time, I call it a jolly fine sentence.

Here are other splendid English sayings of the year.

"I have a perfect terror of the abolition of the arms industry." (Sir Maurice Hankey before the Arms Commission.)

"Thirty thousand pigeons were released, filling the air with the flutter of it."

"Quite plainly, in my view as a lawyer upon the evidence in this case, I cannot find it very difficult to see how you can fail to find that this woman is not guilty of manslaughter." (Mr. Justice Humphreys reported in the *Daily Telegraph*.)

"Poised and beautifully emasculated, the brigadier-general's daughter lacks the fire of the peasant Garbo." ("Picturegoer.")

I could go on for ever with quotations, but will content myself with a final small batch.

"When our Sovereign was born he was given, among other qualities, the rare boon of you." (*Sunday Times*.)

"For light relief he lunches at the Athenaeum, but his heart is in the Church." (*Sunday Times*.)

And so on. It really is rather cad-dish, don't you think? I mean to say, a fellow's got to say something some time, and of course he doesn't always know it's going to be printed and all that sort of rot.

Dash it all, how would you like everything you said to come jumpin' out at you from a printed page?

Even I am quoted in this shillings-worth. A pretty pass things are coming to when a chap gets quoted all over the place without warning.

The book is called "This England." Illustrated by Low.

I hope the deuce it doesn't get into the hands of any of these dashed foreigners or other queer folk, though.

You know what wops are: absolutely no sense of humour at all. Practically illiterate.

But perhaps they won't understand

THREE NOTABLE NOVELS

Imperial City. By Elmer Rice. knows how and when to lighten the shade of his important novel. Gollancz. 10s. 6d.

Father Coldstream. By Julian Duguid. Cape. 7s. 6d.

A Stranger and a Sojourner. By Nora K. Smith. Hodder and Stoughton. 8s. 6d.

ZOLA wrote "Paris," Mr. Rice has written "Imperial City," which is New York. This novel is written for the most part in the suave, calm manner of an impartial observer. But playgoers who recall "Street Scene."

"The Adding Machine," and "Counsellor-at-Law" will not expect from Mr. Rice, nor do they here receive, aloof impartiality, calmly but firmly Mr. Rice is of the Left. And if by training a lawyer, he is by habit a man of the theatre. Pungently he emphasises that Broadway is not New York, yet Broadway, main street of a city of pleasure, is the spine of the novel. But if Broadway spins the plot there is immensely more in the book than the New York of pleasure and of the minions of pleasure. It is a sociological novel, and by giving his chief characters, the Coleman brothers, different interests and an anxiety as a family to hide from the world the dipsomania of their once brilliant mother a variousness is legitimately attained. Chris Coleman, capable and ruthless, is head of a large financial house; hence boardroom discussions illuminate the intransigency of Big Business towards trade unionism and a bill to secure fair wages for shop assistants is balked. Greg Coleman, sportsman and playboy, falls victim to Ruby, the flashy slut ambitious to be a Broadway star. Corinne, the sister, is unguided by taste, a patroness of painters. Gay Coleman is a professor of sociology and an active social reformer; hence riot in Harlem, the Negro problem, and a mayoral election with Gay as candidate for a minor post. And a word must be said of the Rev. Ellery Oliver, social crusader and a rich man who literally sold all and gave unto the poor. Implacable in realism, Mr. Rice describes Ellery's spiritual collapse after his one minute's loss of self-control in a saintly life.

Thus Mr. Rice surveys New York, always with the vanity and the corruption of riches in mind, and character is created. Ruby, cheap little gold-digger to the uttermost, is mercilessly complete, and the competent actress Alma, a failure of mere competence, is tenderly studied. But there is a weakness in Mr. Rice's characterisation: his "best people" fail to give the impression which Mr. Hergesheimer gives and Miss Wharton gave, that American aristocrats are authentically aristocratic. As a result the fall of the house of Coleman interests where it might have moved the reader, and the rich vitality of many minor characters is either compensation or distraction. But I was moved by the story of Alma and by the love affair of Judy and Gay. Let it be remembered that besides the sociological dramas Mr. Rice wrote the light comedy "See Naples and Die." He can, as well as another, reproduce the sort of wit that comes out when the cocktails are in: more significantly, he can write the witty love-talk of two educated people, he

"Far Away and Long Ago." That title is Hudson's who, with Cunningham Graham, created in me a prejudice favourable to books dealing with South America. Last year I greatly admired Mr. Duguid's "Clock of Monkey Fur" and I have enjoyed reading "Father Coldstream," a tale of action in the Paraguay of the eighteenth century which opens in Scotland after Colloiden Stevenson, with his boyish zest for action, would have approved this romance of two brothers brought up by the Jesuits of whom one became a priest and the other, revolting against discipline, the leader of a band of buccaneers. The narrative is first rate, and I accept the psychology. For the purposes, at any rate, of a novel of this description Mr. Duguid's treatment of the motives of the Jesuits, the colonel of Dragoons, the outlaws, and the Indians and "wild," is adequate, and much better than adequate are his dealings with the half-breed girl Ana, humanly rebelling against the chastity imposed upon her by Father Gaudrand. There was a high nobility of spiritual pride in Gaudrand and a higher nobility when that pride was humbled; there is drama of violence in this book and drama also of faith; and Mr. Duguid, like other romantic novelists of the better sort, seems imaginatively to have been alive in the period of which he writes.

After these tales of other countries Miss Smith's novel is a homecoming. Her book, which won a competition open to members of the teaching profession, is strong in the simple directness of distinctively Northern narrative and unmistakably gives an intimately true picture of life in the small hillside farms of Derbyshire. It was the misjudging of her mother that committed Zillah to the guardianship of Zack Bowker, and all her life she was not to escape the Bowkers. She spent a hard childhood on Zack's farm, and when she went as servant to the kindly Lords at Windy Knoll she had for the first time enough to eat. Yet it was not John Lord but Joel Bowker whom she married, and Zack, a drunken cripple in old age, was her burden; and when both Joel and Zack were dead and when some of her children were satisfactory she could not even then escape the Bowkers. "I'll lay me down," she said, "with the moor about me, with the cotton-grass a-blowing, and above me the lone sound of the curlews crying and the quietness and the grey sky." That, perhaps, is a little literary for Zillah, standing out only because in general Miss Smith adds no flourish to the racy, natural speech of her dalefolk. In outline it is a sad story of an indomitable worker to whom comfortable means came too late to be enjoyed; a solicitor, good easy man, contentedly lost sight of her during Zack's guardianship; but in detail there is warmth to qualify the dourness, there is the heartiness of the Lords and the happiness of Zillah's early married years with Joel, bonny fighters together against the thankless soil of Black Byrrows Farm. I have the thought that were this novel one translated from the Swedish it would be hailed as a masterpiece.

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HIROTA PROMISES "IMMEDIATE ENQUIRY"

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, yesterday described the attacks by Japanese forces on British gunboats in the Yangtse, in reply to a private question by Mr. Clement Attlee, the Labour opposition leader, in the House of Commons.

Firstly, the Foreign Secretary gave details of the triple bomb attack on the concentration of British merchant shipping accompanied by the gunboats H.M.S. Cricket and H.M.S. Scarab between Nanking and Wuhu.

"Fortunately," he declared, "no hit was registered and the British gunboats opened fire in return." (Cheers) "with no reported result."

Further incidents occurred at Wuhu, where H.M.S. Ladybird, while proceeding to join a British tug which had been machine-gunned, was fired on by a field-gun battery.

SEVERAL CASUALTIES

H.M.S. Ladybird sustained four direct hits.

Mr Eden deeply regretted to report that a naval rating was killed, and there were several other casualties, including the Flag Captain.

The same battery had been firing on merchant ships, and at least one British merchantman had been hit.

BEE FIRED ON

H.M.S. Bee, which arrived shortly after, was also fired on but was not hit.

The Senior Naval Officer landed and lodged a strong protest with the senior Japanese military officer, who stated that the firing on the warships was a mistake and he had orders to fire at every ship on the river.

WARNING PROMISED

The Japanese civil, military and naval authorities at Shanghai were immediately informed, and had undertaken to warn Japanese forces in the field.

Meanwhile, Sir Robert Craigie, the Ambassador in Tokyo, had made a strong protest to the Foreign Minister, who promised to make an immediate enquiry.—Reuter.

U.S. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AT FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Eden conferred with the Prime Minister during the morning. The Yangtse incidents were discussed when the United States Charge d'Affaires visited the Foreign Office.—British Wireless.

JAPAN APOLOGIZES

The Japanese Foreign Minister called on the British Ambassador in Tokyo yesterday afternoon to express the deep regret of the Japanese Government at the firing on British vessels in the Yangtse and the loss of life and injury caused.—British Wireless.

IN TOUCH WITH AMERICA

The seriousness of these incidents need no emphasis but in view of the grave issues involved I hope that the House will not ask me for any fuller statement to-day.

In reply to a further question as to whether information had been

ADMIRABLE RESTRAINT

London, To-day.

Hitherto feeling in Britain over the Yangtse incidents has been admirably restrained, but any belief in Japan's self-proclaimed mission to "introduce stability into the Far East" must considerably and irrevocably be forfeited in Western eyes by the reckless manner in which she carries on the still undeclared war, says the "Daily Telegraph," in a leading article this morning on the attacks on British and American gunboats.

There may be genuine regrets in Tokyo that individual officers exceed their orders but there is no indication whatever that this policy is being modified, however frequently regrets are expressed when the wrong ship is the target.

Moreover, it is clear that civilian opinion in Japan is losing what little restraining influence it might still hold over the service Junta.

Viscount Ishii, on his goodwill tour in Europe, is now disowned by his government in Tokyo.—Reuter.

ROYAL SALUTE

To-day being the 42nd birthday of His Majesty King George VI, a Royal Salute of 21 guns was fired from H. M. S. Adventure at Noon to-day.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Little, returned to the Colony this morning by the Falmouth.

Lieut. Campling, R.A. has reported that while driving car No. 858 in Hennessy Road yesterday, he knocked down Lau Pun-lan, aged 35, who received injuries to the head and was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

received of similar attacks on United States ships, Mr. Eden said: "I regret to say that a United States gunboat which was also attacked has actually been sunk with, it appears, loss of life."

He added that the British and United States Governments were in communication on the subject of these attacks.—British Wireless.

—TRAUTMANN— NOT ASKED TO MEDIATE

London, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden, replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, said he understood from the German and Japanese Governments that the German Ambassador in Nanking had not been charged to offer his services as peace mediator between the Chinese and Japanese Governments.—Reuter.

CHINESE PAPERS CLOSE DOWN IN S'HAJ

Shanghai, To-day.

Two more Chinese papers, the "Shun Pao" and "Ta Kung Pao," will have their last edition to-day, as the management of the two well-known publications have decided to close their doors to-morrow.

Both newspapers are reported to have received communications from the Japanese censors, asking them to submit proofs for perusal before publication, and that publicity should be given to the so-called "Tatao City Government" and other organisations.

These latter bodies should in no way be ridiculed, said the Japanese censors.

The "Tatao Government," a Japanese-created body, is functioning in Pootung.—Reuter.

ed, for the first time in seven years. — Our Own Correspondent.

FIVE-BARRED FLAG HOISTED IN PEIPING

Peiping, 2 p.m., To-day.

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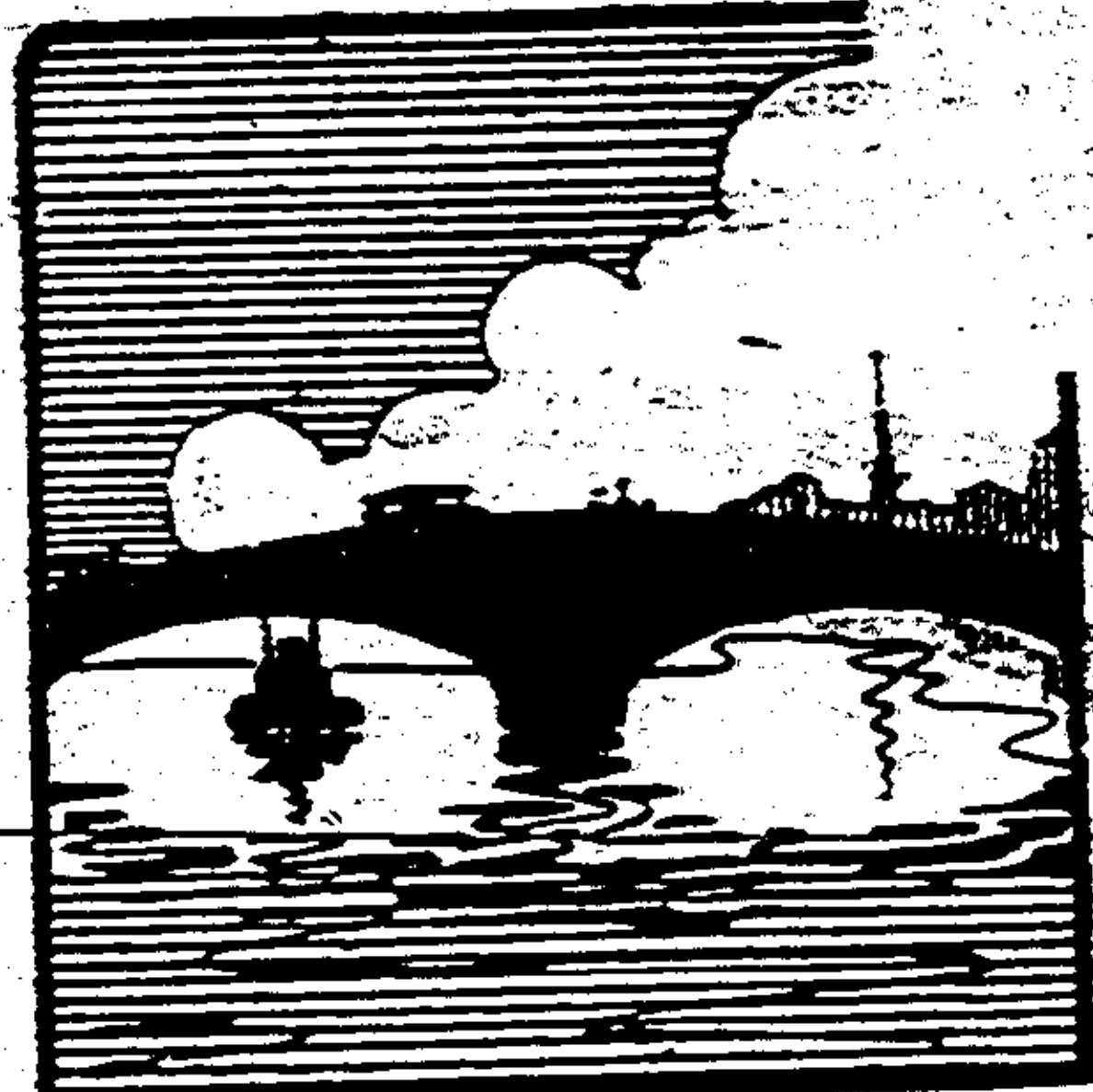
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Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1937

"WE ARE VERY SORRY"

Deliberate attacks on British ships in the Yangtze, such incidents as the invasion of Hong Kong waters by Japanese blue-jackets and the falling of shells upon a Hong Kong beach, such tragic outrages as the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay and of three American tankers, will go on and on in their woeful succession until the Powers apologise properly to Japan for their presence in China, or, alternatively reach the conclusion that the time has come to make a stand. It is obviously impossible, if we are British and care a hoot for the dignity of the British flag, or if we are Americans and feel that Old Glory demands some respect, to go on as we have been doing. Outrage-protest-apology, that tragi-comic trinity of Arrogance, Futility and Oriental Politeness, have been a British indulgence so often in this campaign that the idea of Whitehall winding up by making the ultimate apology is publicly bandied about in this Colony as a common joke as soon as an incident occurs in which British honour is put at stake by Japanese cynicism. Apologies are Japan's cheapest commodity to-day. They cost nothing and are worth less, judging by past experience, than gratuitous offerings usually are. It occurs again and again: apology to-day and another bomb to-morrow, not necessarily because the Tokyo Government which tenders the regrets is not sincere, but because it is absolutely powerless to control those responsible for the outrageous attacks. "I am commander here," says Colonel Hashimoto, whose troops were responsible for the shelling of H.M.S. Ladybird and H.M.S. Bee, "and my men are unable to recognise the British flag." In

Nanking, where presumably the Japanese are available of not being in touch with headquarters, three separate and distinct attacks were made on British gunboats and merchant ships. A protest was lodged after the first attack and the ships were forthwith bombed again. It is not known whether the third attack made later in the afternoon, was distinguished by a preliminary protest.

While these painfully plainly deliberate attacks were occurring on British shipping, the U.S.S. Panay was being bombed and sunk. It seems a fair inference, therefore, that the sinking was just as much a mistake as was the shelling of H.M.S. Bee from a range of 400 yards. The only difference between the incidents was in effect, and the effect was so disastrous that Admiral Hasegawa yesterday afternoon could find nothing more to do to placate American opinion than he had already done. This is the affair of the American authorities, however, and, tendering our sympathies, we leave them to handle it in their own way. Our concern is with the Wuhu and Nanking incidents in which the "Daily Telegraph" detects, by some extraordinary reasoning, a conciliatory assumption in the suggestion that the military commanders in the Yangtze Valley are running amok! This is desperately clutching at the firmest straw to justify another demonstration of British Patience, 1937 Model. For our part, obedience to the behest of the authorities, to remember the old school tie and behave, all of us, as best we can, as little diplomats in a troublesome world, becomes, as we are not fish, ever a matter of greater difficulty. The more thought that is given to events, their progression and development, the position to which policy has carried us in the last few months in the Far East, and it remains the more remarkable that some restraint in language can still be exercised. However, we suspect that there is a limit to British patience somewhere and with Japan's apparently studied efforts to detect its whereabouts, it surely must be reached. When the erstwhile pro-Japanese "Daily Express" begins to refer to them as bandits and in a most threatening tone, used usually only for Communists, Britain must be closely approaching the turning-point. Nevertheless, if we read Japan's mind correctly over the Panay incident, she expects by swift expressions of regret, jumping in ahead of formal Notes, to slip gracefully by this "most unfortunate incident," and to secure the forgetting in the stress of the Panay sinking, the little matter of the shelling of the Ladybird and the Bee. Mr. Chamberlain does not see eye to eye with Japan in this matter, but he rejects the idea of ultimatum as he must, unless Britain is prepared to back it up. At the same time simple apology cannot suffice. Faith in the repentance behind Japanese regrets has been so shaken that some more tangible assurance must be required against repetition of the incidents.

AMERICAN DEMANDS ON SINKING OF PANAY

Pres. Roosevelt Directly Approaches Emperor

INDEMNITY AND OTHER GUARANTEES TO BE ASKED

FATE OF PANAY SURVIVORS UNCERTAIN

Fate of many of those who were aboard the U.S.S. Panay when she was sunk remains a matter of doubt.

H.M.S. Bee has only been able to find and rescue a small percentage of the 54 reported survivors, although her search steadily continues.

New York, To-day.

According to a cable from the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company's office in Shanghai, survivors of the Panay tragedy are reported to number only 54 out of an estimated total of 150.

18 PLANES IN ATTACK

The message adds that four United States gunboats left Kiukiang at daylight for the scene, and the Japanese are reported to be sending gunboats and large seaplanes to assist.

It is reported that eighteen Japanese bombers and pursuit planes participated in the attack on the Panay and oil tankers.—Reuter.

BEE'S RESCUES

Shanghai, To-day.

H.M.S. Bee has wirelessed that she has rescued seven more survivors from the U.S.S. Panay, all of whom are now on board the British gunboat.

They are:

John Bonkoski, gunner's mate, Raymond Browning, electrician's mate,

Thomas Coleman, seaman,

John Dirhofer, seaman,

Hoseph Graves, gunner's mate,

James Marshall, of Collier's Magazine,

C. C. Vines, from Roanoke, Virginia,

connected with the B.A.T.

Meanwhile, Fireman John Hodges and machinist's mate William Hoyle are travelling overland in an attempt to reach Wuhu from Hohsien.

H.M.S. Bee has requested the Japanese military authorities to provide a safe escort, although the whereabouts of the two men are unknown.—Reuter.

54 SURVIVORS

Shanghai, To-day.

It is now stated that the original figure of fifty-four survivors of the Panay disaster has not, hitherto, been altered.

The U.S. Embassy understands that there were 76 aboard the Panay, comprising 54 crew, six Chinese and sixteen foreign civilians, mostly newspapermen.

The crews of the entire Szechow concentration comprise altogether 7 foreigners and 151 Chinese.

Washington, To-day.
It is stated at the White House that the Government's policy in connection with the sinking of the Panay would be decided on a national and patriotic basis, with complete absence of political consideration.

President Roosevelt is represented as being hopeful that the American people and press would give him their understanding support.—Reuter.

MR. HULL DRAWS UP PROTEST

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has prepared vigorous representations to be presented to Japan regarding sinking of the Panay.

Mr. Hull yesterday went into conference with a group of Far Eastern advisers before drafting a protest.

There is no indication at present whether the representations will include demand of an indemnity covering the cost of the Panay and suitable compensation for the casualties involved.

Before despatching the note, Mr. Hull is expected to confer with President Roosevelt.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO THE EMPEROR

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has conveyed to the Emperor of Japan the expression of his deep concern at the bombing of the Panay.

Simultaneously, the United States Government transmitted to the Japanese Government a demand for full compensation, apologies and guarantees against repetition of such an attack. President Roosevelt's message

Carrying doctors and loaded with medical supplies, a trimotored Japanese plane hopped off for Hohsien from Shanghai this morning.—Reuter.

FIVE MORE

H.M.S. Bee has wirelessed that she has picked up five more survivors of the Panay. They are:

J. Isherwood, from McGraw, New York, assistant manager of the Standard Oil, Nanking,

M. Blasina, Italian engineer on board one of the Standard Oil boats,

D. S. Goldie, a Briton, installation superintendent of the Standard Oil at Wuhu,

Capt. Jorgensen, Norwegian captain of the Mehsia,

Capt. Mender, Estonian captain of the Meiping.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

and the Government's demands were transmitted to the Japanese Ambassador in Washington by Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, who told Mr. Saito that the President was "deeply shocked and concerned by the news of indiscriminate bombing of American and other non-Chinese vessels in the Yangtse, and requests that the Emperor be so advised."

PRESIDENT'S PLANS

Mr. Stephen Early, assistant secretary to the President, who made the announcement to the press, said that the President had made all his engagements on a tentative basis, so that if necessary he could give his entire time to the Japanese situation.—Reuter.

REMEMBER THE MAINE!

Washington, To-day.

The extreme gravity with which the United States Government regards the Yangtse scuttlings, notwithstanding the profuse apologies already tendered by every appropriate Japanese authority, can be gauged by the following points made to Reuter by a competent authority yesterday evening.

1. This was the first occasion when a United States warship has been sunk in peacetime by a so-called "friendly" power since sinking of the battleship "Maine," which precipitated the Spanish American War.

2. The President's personal inter-

FRANCE AND BRITAIN TO BACK U.S.

Paris, To-day.

The Foreign Under-Secretary, M. Detessan, last night received the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Bullitt, and it is understood that the Yangtse incidents were discussed.

Political circles believe that France and Britain will support the United States, but at present are waiting to see definitely what she intends to do.—Reuter.

intervention and the message to Emperor Hirohito are circumstances rarely, if ever, paralleled.

"GRAVE BLUNDER"

3. The United States Government is amazed at Mr. Saito's (the Japanese Ambassador) frank admission that the Japanese knew where the American vessels were located, and that hence, in the Ambassador's own words, "the bombing was a very grave blunder."

The authorities are at a loss to account for this damaging admission, which, coupled with earlier unofficial reports that the Japanese commander in that area had allegedly told Japanese planes to sink all vessels upon the Yangtse, constitutes an admission of guilt upon more than one count.

This, it is felt, can lend itself only to the explanation that the Japanese military, locally, if not nationally, were prepared to undertake hostile acts against friendly powers whilst scarcely bothering to conceal their designs.

HOSTILE ACTS

In spite of this severe provocation, however, the State Department is still proceeding slowly, and it is indicated that a formal Note will not be presented until all the facts are ascertained, which may not be for twenty-four hours.—Reuter.

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ARE H.K. DEFENCE Capital Ships Urged In House Of Commons

London, To-day.

"When was the last joint enquiry by representatives of the three defence Services into the question of defence of Hong Kong, and is the Minister satisfied that British forces there are sufficient for defence of the Colony, having regard to the existing state of affairs in the Far East?" asked Lt.-Com. R. T. H. Fletcher (Labour, Nuneaton) in the House of Commons yesterday.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, replied that defence of British-defended ports overseas, including Hong Kong, was kept constantly under review by the appropriate sub-committee of the Imperial Defence Committee, on which all three Services were represented.

Lt.-Com. Fletcher asked if the advisability of reinforcing the China Squadron was recently considered, and was it not desirable to have some capital ships in these waters at present? Sir Thomas Inskip suggested that Lt.-Com. Fletcher give notice of the question, as he did in similar fashion to a question whether strengthening of the China Squadron had not a direct bearing on defence of Hong Kong.—Reuter.

At right.

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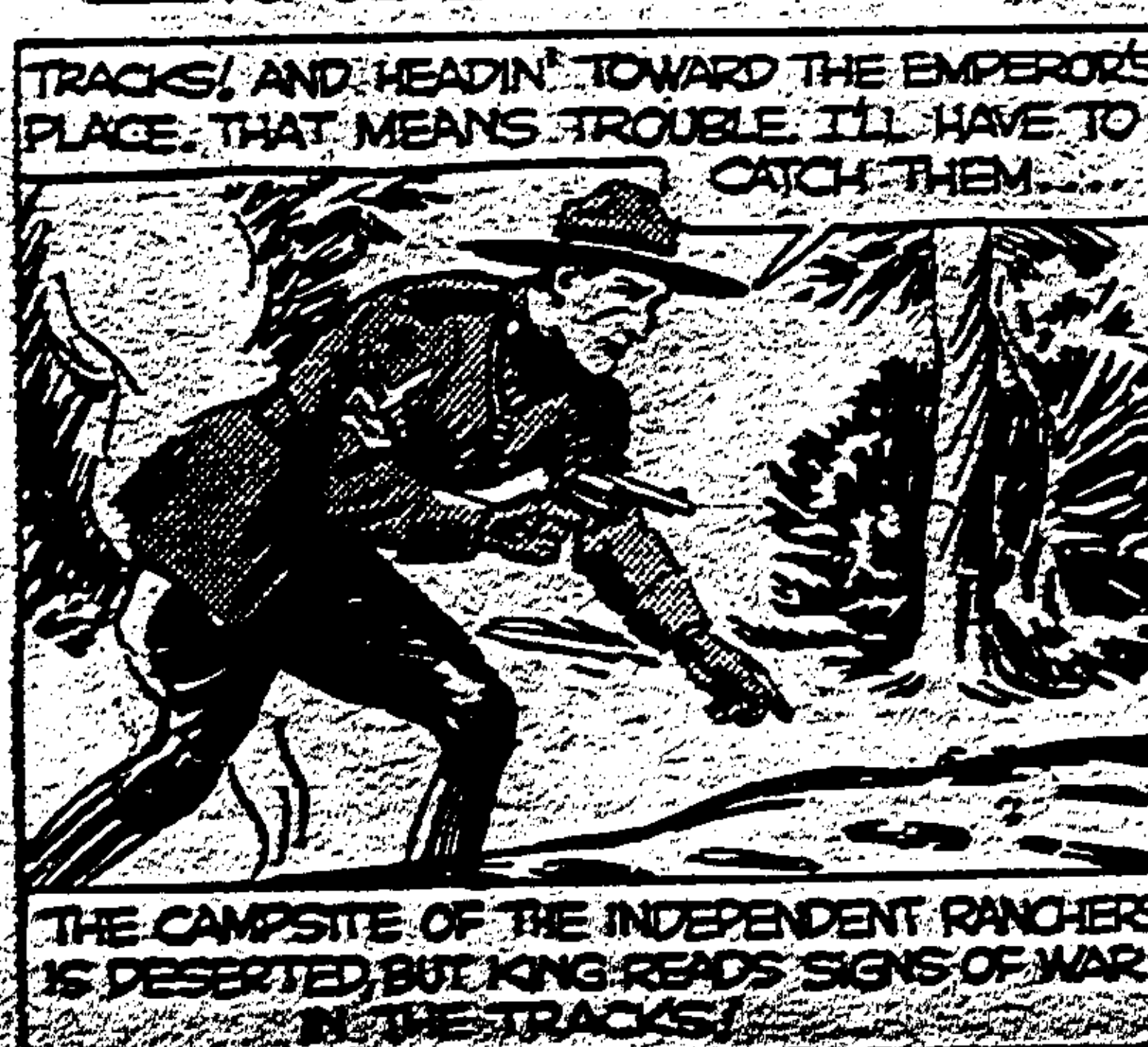
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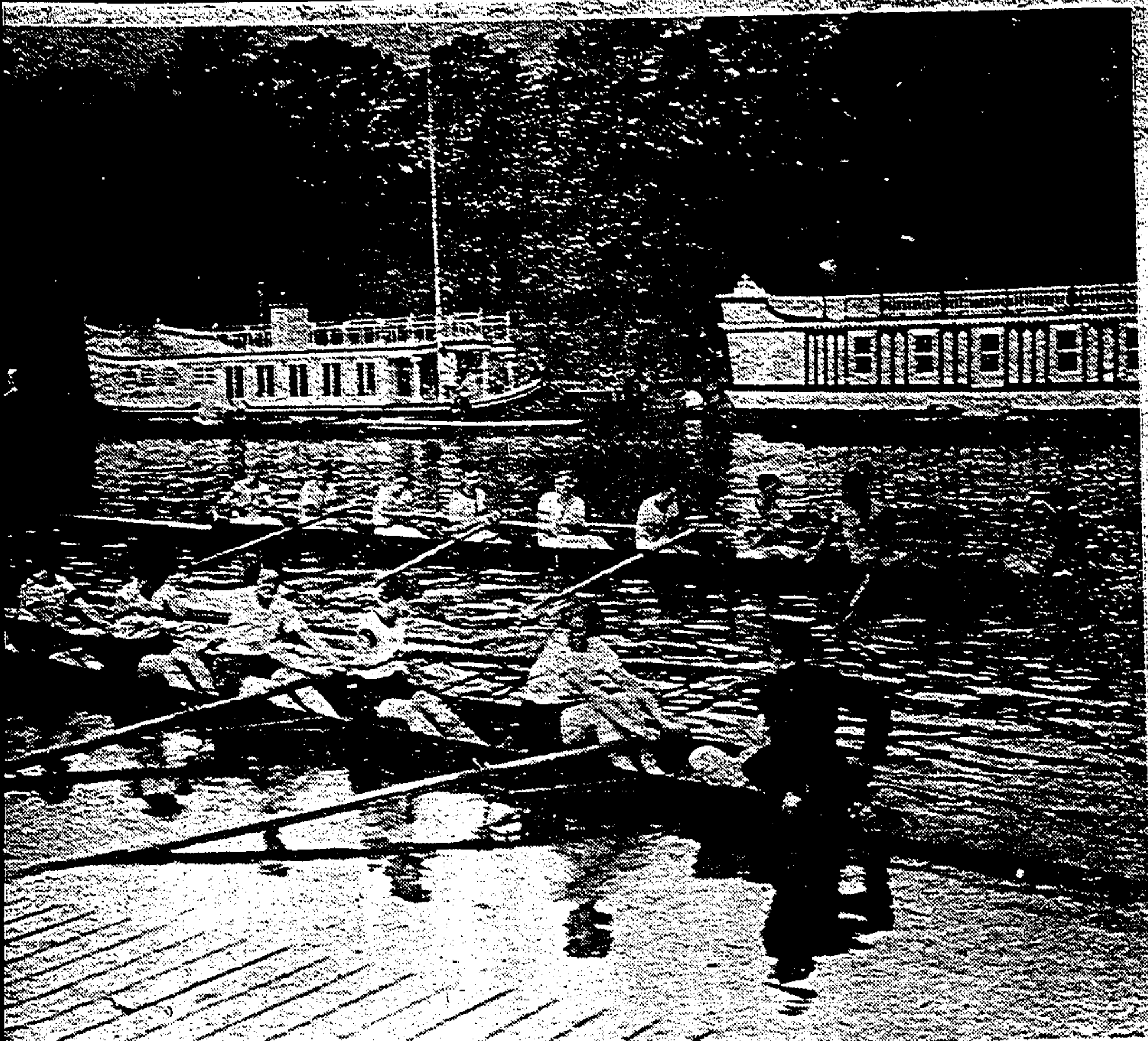
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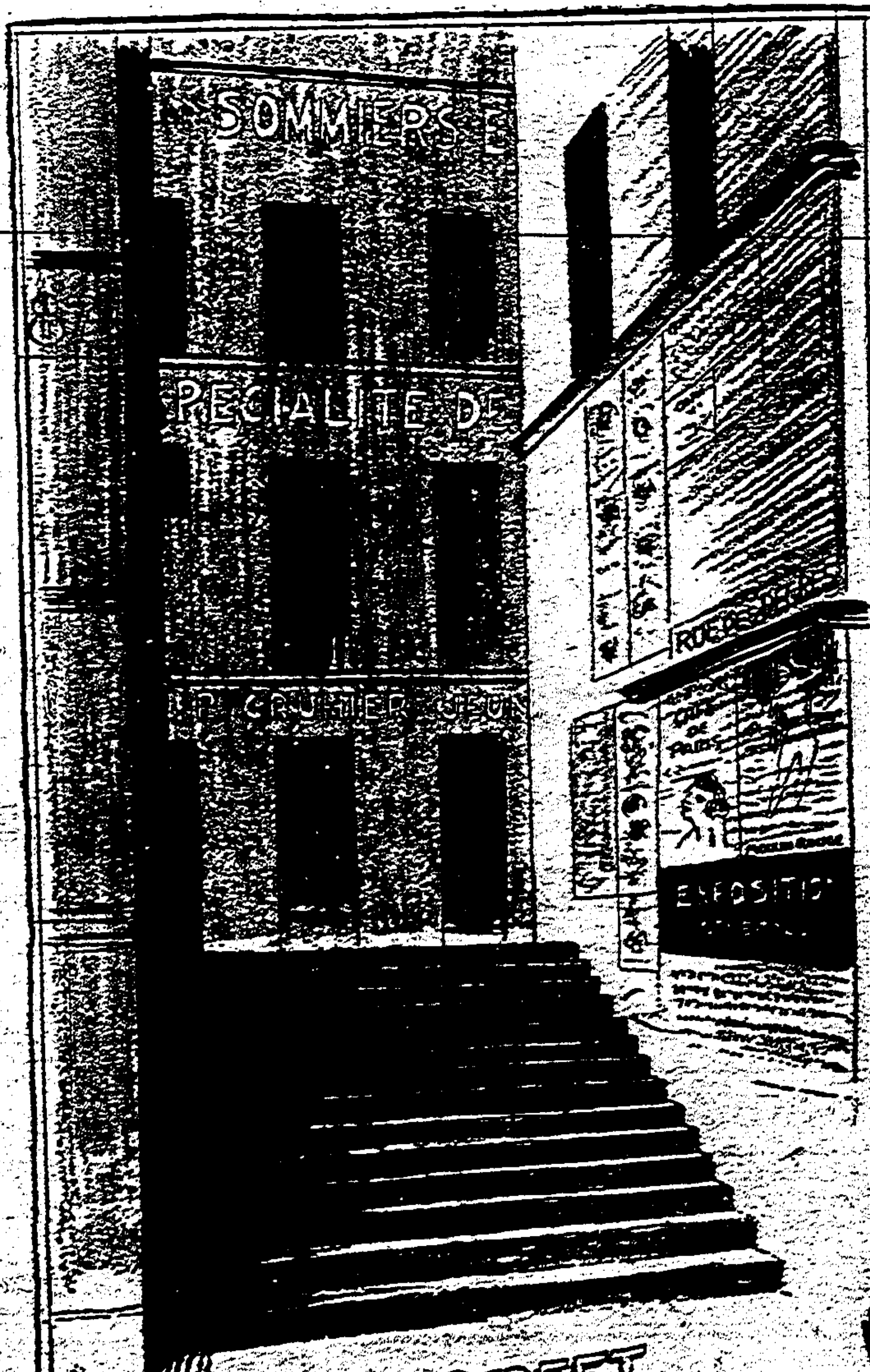
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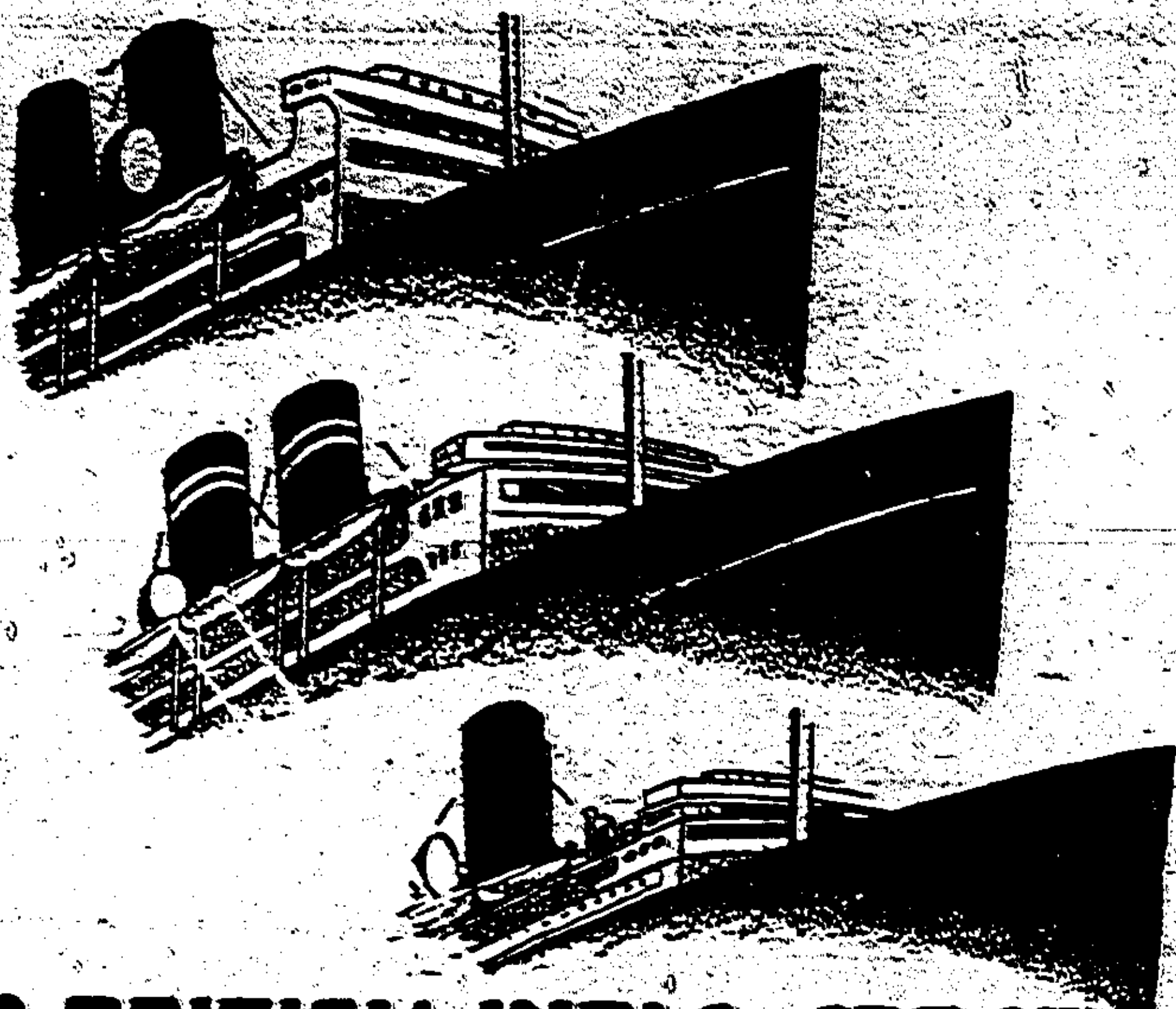


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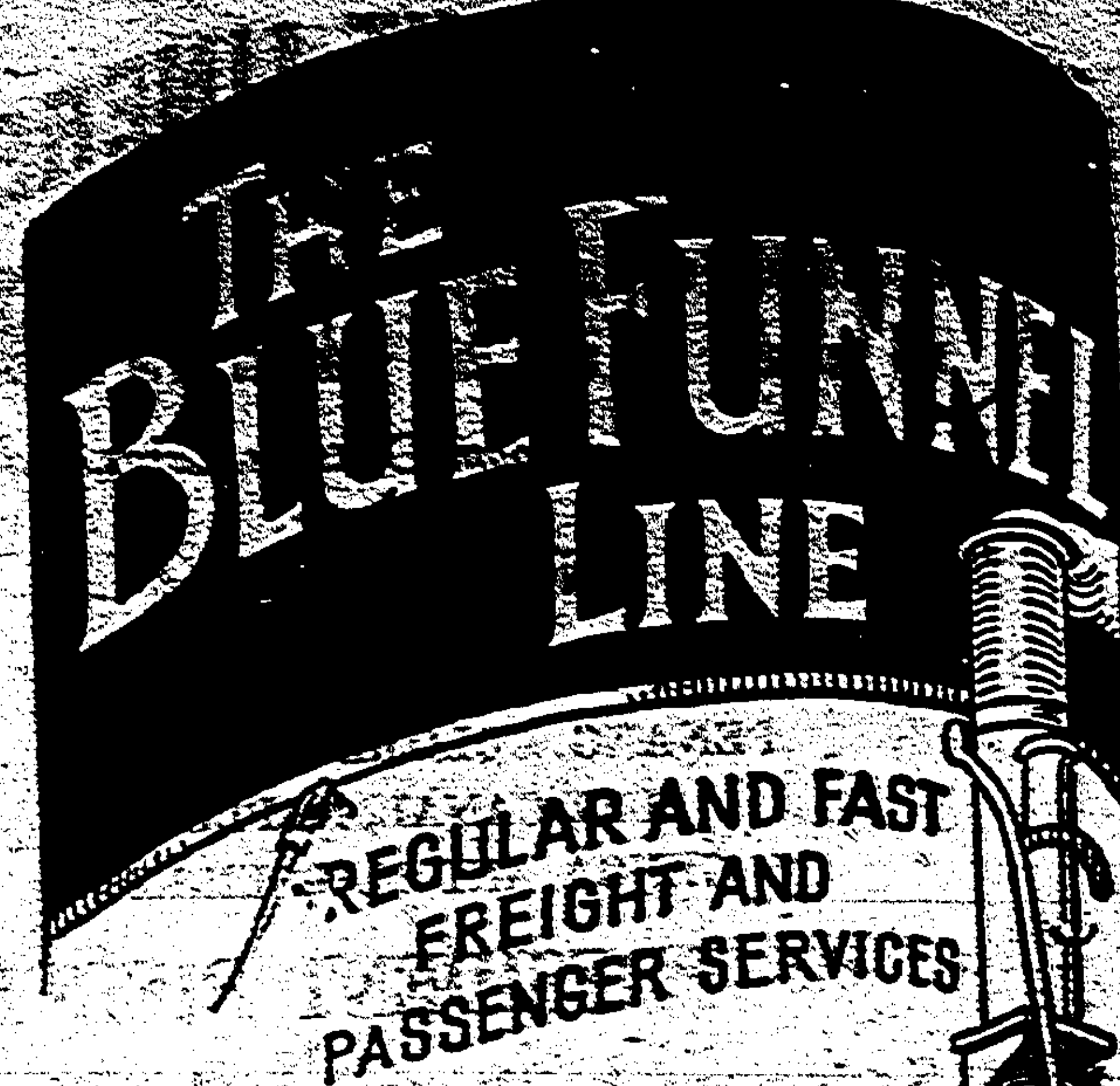
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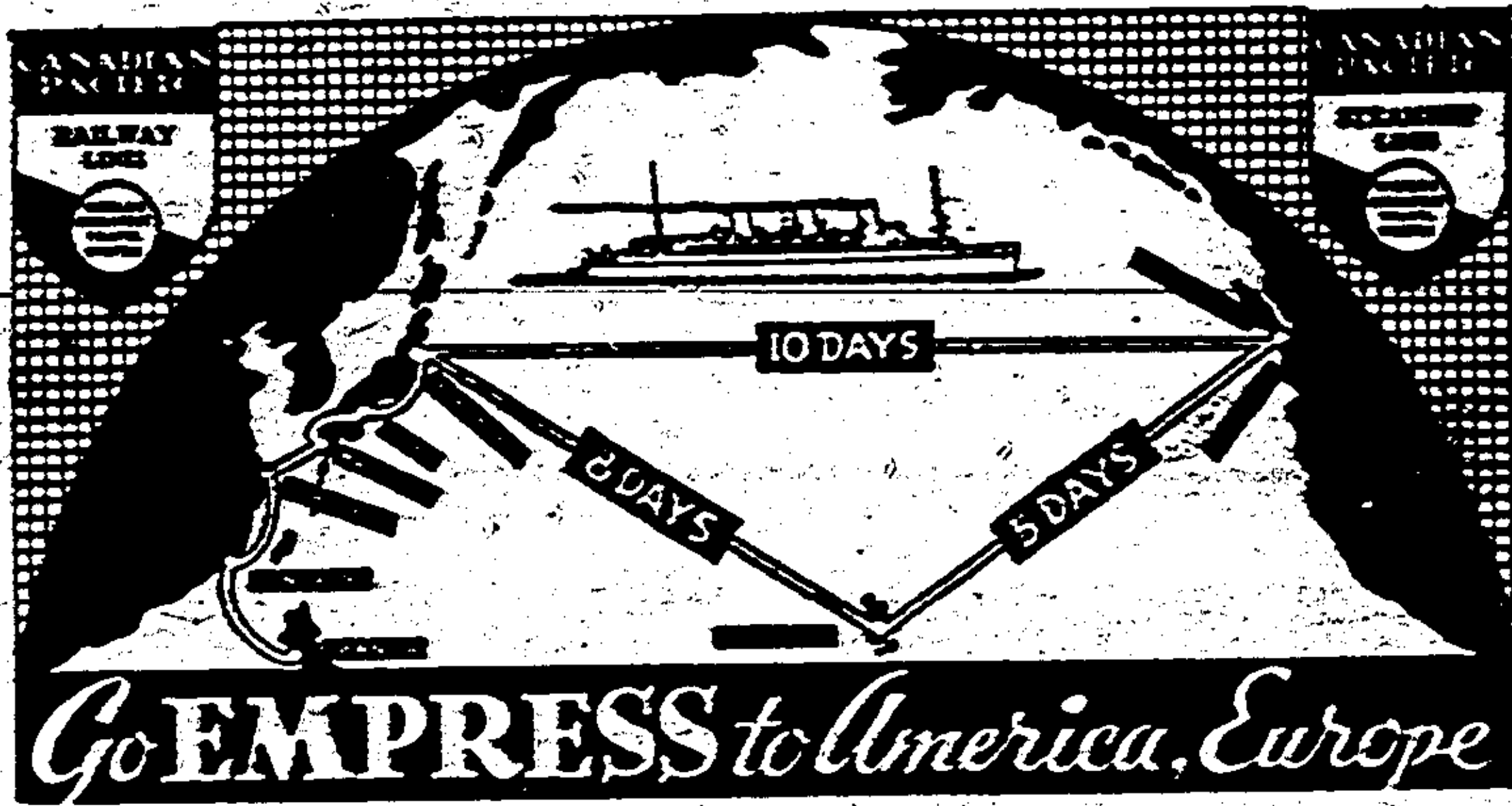
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APPEAL AGAINST LOCAL BETTING CONVICTIONS SUCCEEDS

In the Court of Appeal, before Sir Atholl MacGregor this morning, the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, instructed by Mr. H. L. Kwan, successfully appealed against convictions registered by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy against Ip Keng-chun for alleged attempted larceny by false pretences, and against Ip Keng-chun and Tsui Kwong-yun for alleged conspiracy to defraud.

In both cases, Counsel for the appellants submitted that there was insufficient evidence for the learned magistrate to register convictions against the men.

It was alleged he said that the appellant attempted to obtain \$1,000 by falsely pretending that he had been authorised to receive that sum from a woman, Chan Chong-yin, by Wong Kwai-loong.

NO EVIDENCE

Mr. D'Almada added that the Crown had failed to prove the indictment in substance. The Crown must prove the pretence, and of this there was no evidence during police court proceedings. Had the indictment been differently drawn, a conviction might have been registered, but "as it stood the conviction should be squashed."

Appearing for the Crown, Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, admitted that he could not support the decision of the learned Magistrate.

Mr. D'Almada, for the appellants in the second case, pointed out that the Crown did not even prove that the letter was a forgery.

MAGISTRATE SWAYED

The general impression conveyed was that there was a fraud apparently so swayed the learned Magistrate that he paid little attention to the indictment.

Upholding the appeal, the Chief Justice stated that he could find no justification in the grounds on which the learned magistrate registered the conviction.

ALLEGED FORGED NOTE TRICK BY WOMAN

Fung Sui, aged 25, a married woman, residing at No. 253, Hollywood Road, was this morning charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with (a) uttering a forged \$10 bank note at the Sookunpoo football ground on Saturday, (b) with uttering another of the same denomination at the Causeway Bay Football ground on Sunday and (c) with possession of a forged \$10.

Sergeant Bentley, in charge of the case, asked for a week's remand.

LOCAL BETTING DUTY SCALE

The fixing of the duty to be paid on totalisator or pari-mutuel betting under the Betting Duty Ordinance will be moved in a resolution to be submitted to Legislative Council to-morrow by the Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. Sydney Caine. Hitherto, duty has been paid on a sliding scale, usually varying between 1½ and a little over 2 per cent.

The resolution will fix the duty at two per cent.

It is proposed that the new scale shall come into effect as from April 1, 1938.

DANGEROUS GOODS ON JUNK

Described by Sergeant Estall as an ignorant type of person, Ng Shek Lau, master of boat No. 1458V was this morning charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with anchoring his boat in other than a dangerous goods area in Aberdeen while he had 105 tins of kerosene on board, and with failing to notify the Harbour department of his arrival in and departure from the Colony.

Sergeant Estall said defendant told him that he had come from Kit Sang, Chinese Territory, with a cargo of pigs which he had sold; and had purchased the kerosene. He was driven by bad weather to take shelter in Aberdeen. He anchored among some sampans.

The Sergeant added that defendant was of a poor mentality. He had gone to the Harbour Office, paid for the renewal of his licence, and left it there. The sergeant had to get it for him.

Defendant was cautioned and advised to make himself acquainted with the regulations.

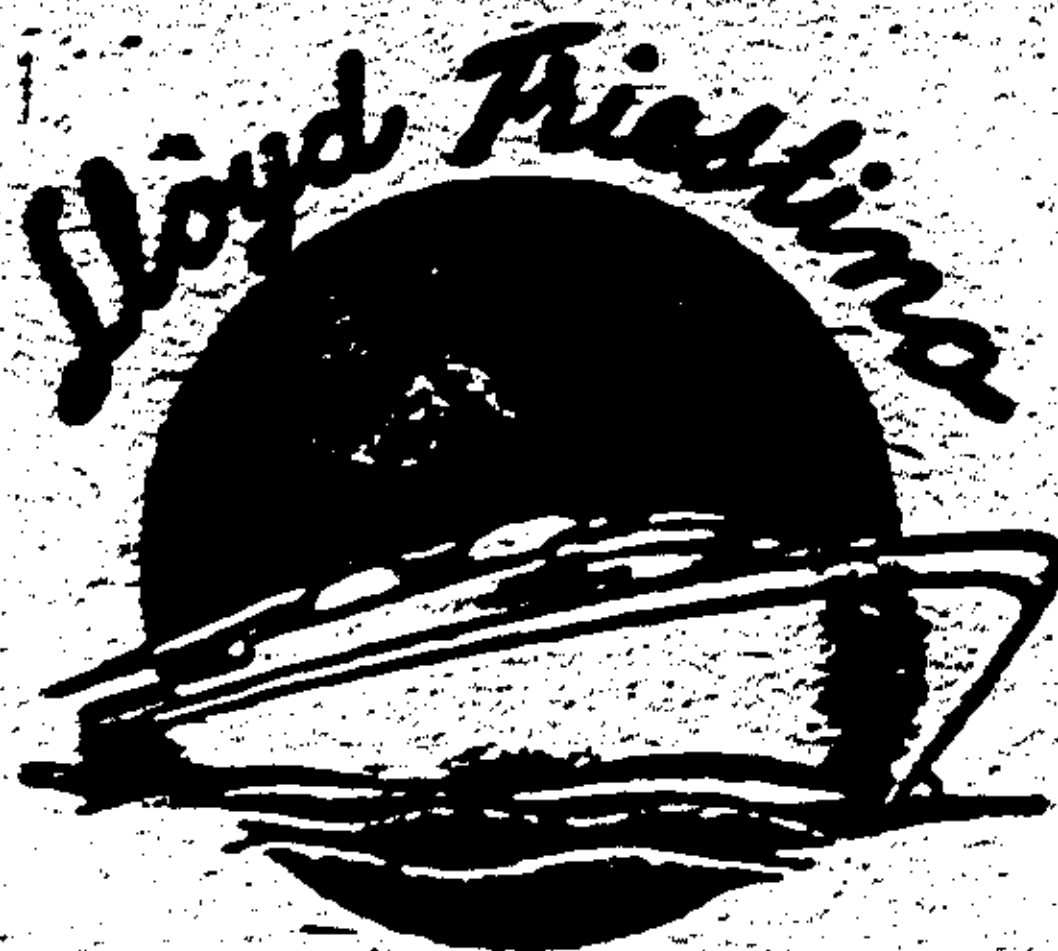
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The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" is due here at 7 a.m. on Thursday and will sail for Manila at midnight the same day.

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JAPANESE PETROLEUM IMPORTS

London, To-day.

Japanese imports of petroleum were the subject of a question in the House of Commons yesterday by Col. H. W. Burton (Conservative, Sudbury).

Captain Euan Wallace, parliamentary secretary to the Board of Trade, stated that according to Japanese official trade statistics, Japanese imports of crude refined petroleum in the twelve months ended July, 1937, totalled 1,102,500,000 gallons, of which 52,300,000,000 gallons were recorded as imported from British Borneo.

Imports, if any, from other British countries, were relatively unimportant.

GOVERNMENT FIGURES

Direct purchases of petroleum on State account by Service departments were not included in these statistics.

Separate particulars of imports of petroleum had not appeared in Japanese monthly trade returns since last July.—Reuter.

95 PER CENT. POLL IN SOVIET ELECTION

Moscow, To-day.

At least 95 per cent. of the Soviet electorate went to the polls on Sunday, and the great majority voted for the approved list of candidates, according to preliminary election figures.

Voting began as early as 6 o'clock in Moscow, which was in holiday garb, and music was provided at polling booths.

There was only one untoward incident, a man being sentenced in Leningrad to seven years' imprisonment for trying to break up an electoral meeting with anti-Soviet shouts.

Unprecedented enthusiasm has been aroused by the elections.—Reuter.

SILVER PACT

Washington, To-day.

The London Silver Agreement of 1933 can be "buried" on expiration on Dec. 31, it is said here on behalf of the Administration.

No conversations towards its continuance have taken place, it was added.—Reuter.

BASEL BANK

Berne, To-day.

M. Roger Ambelin, recently appointed French Director-General of National Economy, has been elected successor to the late M. Pierre Queslary as Director-General of the Bank of International Settlements.—Reuter.

HOOVER AND ASAMA

Sir, It is interesting, if nothing else, to read in regard to the stranding of the "President Hoover" on Hoishoto Island off Formosa, that—

Operations by foreign salvage vessels are prohibited in the waters where the Hoover is stranded, and the Taikoo Tug was unable to set out on Saturday as planned. A Japanese salvage ship, the Yusho Maru, left Hong Kong last night, carrying salvaging equipment, Mr. T. B. Wilson local Agent of the Dollar Line, and Mr. T. Brayfield, Marine Surveyor.

The "Asama Maru" went ashore here off Junk Bay in the September typhoon and the Japanese salvage ship, presumably the Yusho Maru, referred to above, came from Japan to attend to the salvaging of her. Why don't we say "operations" by foreign salvage vessels are prohibited in the waters where the "Asama Maru" is stranded? Particularly, if my information is correct, as there are gun emplacements all round the neighbourhood of the spot where the "Asama Maru" is stranded.

Yours etc.

Fair Does.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/27s.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 18½ and "forward" at 18-3/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.9967 and the New York on London rate at £-U.S.\$4.9934.

"THE ARCADIAN" BOOKING

For the convenience of Kowloon residents, seats for the first two evenings of "The Arcadians" production may now be booked at the Peninsula Hotel reception counter.

"The Arcadians" is being presented by the Hongkong Philharmonic Society at the Queen's Theatre for four nights commencing on Wednesday at 9.20 p.m.

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THE INTERPORT HOCKEY MATCH



S. A. Fowler, above, will be up against stiff opposition to-day when the Club meet the Army in a Triangular Tournament game at Sookunpoo.

MARTON AND EDWARD REACH GOLF FINAL

Lissaman Fails To Retain Early Advantage

ROBB'S MISTAKES: R.H.K.G.C. TITLE

Two semi-final round encounters in the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club championship were held on Sunday at Fanling when O. E. C. Marton beat A. E. Lissaman by 2 and 1 and D. S. Edward beat D. S. Robb also by 2 and 1.

In the first semi final match Lissaman played extremely well on the outward round, having five 3's in the first eight holes and turned 3 up on Marton, an advantage which he maintained until the 13th hole when Marton turned the tables, finishing 3, 3, 5, 3, 4 and winning all five holes and the match by 2 and 1.

Marton's inward half was 34 and both players were round approximately in 74.

The second semi-final encounter between Edward and Robb saw an even game on the outward half with Robb holding a slight advantage which Edward had neutralised by the 8th hole for both players to turn on level terms.

Edward won the 10th and with Robb missing chances at the 13th, 14th and 15th holes, Edward found

TIME TO THINK OF SELECTING PROBABLE AND POSSIBLE TEAMS

COLONY MUST HAVE CHANCE TO PLAY TOGETHER

MY TRIAL ELEVENS

(By "STICKS")

ALTHOUGH the time is not yet ripe for the selection of an Interport hockey team, there is no time like the present in attempting to select one on the form so far witnessed. We have seen the initial stages of the Inter-Section Tournament, some first round encounters in the Triangular Tournament and the Combined Services-Civilians match, and these should provide a necessary guide to current form.

WITHOUT HESITATION I WOULD SELECT BENWELL, THE CLUB GOALKEEPER AND WILSON, OF THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS, AS PROBABLE AND POSSIBLE CUSTODIANS FOR AN INTERPORT TRIAL. NEITHER RAMZAN NOR MACBRIDE, THE NAVY AND SERVICES' CUSTODIAN, GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION LAST SUNDAY THAT THEY WERE FULLY CONFIDENT.

The choice of two backs should not be difficult. We have four players for the two positions in either team, A. E. P. Guest (Radio), E. L. Gosano (Recreio), Flt. Lt. Wallace (Air Force) and Bdr. Carter (R.A.). Of the four Wallace and Gosano should ultimately find their places.

Gosano was also not at his best last Sunday, although he was probably feeling the effects of a whole day's cricket the preceding day.

The choice of three halves presents a very difficult task. Both Gonsalves and R. A. Marques were dropped from last Sunday's Civilian team in favour of Brown.

Marques was obviously "rested" because of his extreme youth, while the dropping of Gonsalves in favour of Brown is a complete mystery, and I very much doubt whether the Committee themselves can provide an answer!

YES! WHY?

Admittedly I stated that Marques was better than Gonsalves in a recent criticism, but that is no reason why a poorer player should be included in his stead.

I would suggest that Ray, of the Engineers, be given a right-half trial as he has been consistently good in this berth, while Cox, of the Signals, is another very sound half.

(Continued on Page 19)

TO-DAY'S TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT GAME

The Hong Kong Hockey Club will meet the Army in a Triangular Tournament fixture this afternoon, on the Sookunpoo ground, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

himself 2 up and 3 to play, and then 1 up and 2 to play.

A fine putt of 10 feet for a 4 at the 17th saw Edward win the hole and the game by 2 and 1.



G. Sommer, above, will be seen in action this evening against the Army in the Triangular Tournament.

USEFUL HOCKEY REMEDIES

PLAYERS SHOULD BE MADE TO UMPIRE GAMES

ADVANTAGE RULE AND HOW IT MUST BE APPLIED

(By A. LOREBURN)

Glasgow, November 6.

Some of the difficulties with which umpires have to contend hockey were the subject of a letter I received this week from one who has made a reputation for himself as a very efficient umpire. Many will agree with him that most of these difficulties would disappear if players would take the trouble to make themselves acquainted with the rules, and play the game according to the spirit of these rules.

As a means of making the players appreciate the difficulty of the umpire's task, he suggests that each player in a club should be called upon to umpire, at least one game during the season. That was the practice in one prominent club in pre-war days, where hockey umpires were even scarcer than they are now.

This arrangement certainly proved effective in preventing one of the bad features which my correspondent declares is "creeping into Scottish hockey nowadays—the practice of appealing with hands raised and

making audible comments on the umpire's decisions during the game.

It is difficult enough at present to get former players to act as umpires, but it will become much more difficult if "grousing" at the umpire becomes a common feature of club games.

THE ADVANTAGE RULE

A good deal of the criticism of umpires arises from a misunderstanding of the application of the "advantage" rule. The umpire is generally in a much better position to see whether a player is gaining an advantage, or not, from an infringement than the players, whose eyes are naturally following the ball. Yet young players are prone to accuse an umpire of inconsistency in interpreting the rules when he is merely applying the advantage rule.

The fact that the umpire has to delay his decision long enough to give the "advantage" rule time to operate is sometimes construed by inexperienced players as indecision on the part of the umpire. The best test of an umpire's efficiency is the use he makes of the "advantage" rule.

TWO SLACK RULES

Two rules in the game that are frequently dealt with in a slack fashion are those governing the roll-in and the taking of corners. Very few half-backs appear to know how to roll-in. The usual method is to throw the ball or bowl it into play. As a half-back can gain considerable advantage for his by either of these methods, he should be penalised for every

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BRITISH I.C. VICTORY OVER CZECHS

CASKA AND CIBA RECORD WINS

EXCITING TENNIS THE ORDER OF THE DAY

F. H. D. WILDE MASTERED AFTER GRAND STRUGGLE

(By A. Wallis Myers)

Torquay, November 15.

THE International Club won their match against the Czech I.C. on the Palace covered courts by five singles to three and four doubles to none, but the contest was much closer than these final figures suggest. The margin of victory in three of to-day's matches was slight, and the tenacity in every contest was high and stimulating.

On the second day the visitors were much more like the powerful team that has excited the cheers of thousands in Prague. They found their covered-court legs, so to speak, and in vigour and timing off the floor their genius for quiet persistence was revealed. Indeed, the well-naked galleries spent the whole day applauding six keenly fought contests, four of which ran the full course and produced many exciting rallies.

In the morning the Czechs were heartened by two well-merited victories. Caska's blows were much firmer and better directed than they were yesterday. He defeated Sharpe in two sets, wearing his man down in the second with forceful driving of ever-improving length. Then Siba, nearly as steady and resourceful as Betsy Grant, mastered Wilde after a tough and bright engagement. Wilde was late in finding his form, and he might not have won a set if Siba had not missed an easy smash to give him a 5-4 lead in the second set.

In this match the weaker server was on the winning side. Like Sleem, the little Czech merely taps his service into court. But, as in the case of the Indian player, a velvet glove covers the iron hand. Pace came when least suspected, and when the eager volleyer came to the net. In the deep backhand corner Siba, who is a first-class footballer, showed the neatest footwork, and many of his passing coups were deadly. I though Wilde often attempted to volley too low down: he was trapped by Siba's spin. He seemed to need Austin's straight-arm forward thrust.

The two major singles in the afternoon were of rich quality. Lee seemed to have recovered his last year's touch overnight, and in his first set against Cejnar winners were hit all round the court. But the staunch fighter was scarcely in match training, and in the second set, when the pressure was reduced, Cejnar's game gathered fire, and one saw the reason for his fine record on the Continent.

COOL AND STEADY

Only a cool and steady hand saved Lee in the third set, and perhaps even that virtue might not have prevailed if his opponent, looking up to a dark roof, had not fozzled several critical smashes.

Cejnar has great service power and a delightful freedom on the backhand. Both against Lee and Austin he showed his great promise.

Austin had his hands full against Hecht after building up, with characteristic fluency, a strong winning lead. He had won the first set at 6-2 and was leading 3-1 in the second. Daylight, however, was beginning to fade, and at this stage several finishing volleys were snapped into the net.

EXQUISITE SHOTS

Encouraged by his opponent's lapses, Hecht played inspired ten-

nis for the next four games. He might have led 5-3 if a fine service down the centre line had been called good. But he squared the set confidently after Austin looked like running out in the 10th game, and not until the 18th game was he finally overcome. Both men played some exquisite shots and every rally had to be won by sheer skill. The secret of Austin's success was his early return of service and his synthetic forward movement; the winning volley was taken on the ball's rise and the precious second of time saved.

Two attractive doubles matches contested in artificial light closed the long day. Both were won by the home pairs, but only after the sternest struggle.

H. W. Austin (G.B.) beat L. Hecht, 6-2, 10-8.

H. G. N. Lee (G.B.) beat F. Cejnar, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

F. H. D. Wilde (G.B.) lost to J. Siba, 2-6, 6-4, 2-6.

N. Sharpe (G.B.) lost to J. Caska, 5-7, 2-6.

Lee and G. P. Hughes (G.B.) beat Cejnar and Siba, 5-7, 5-3, 6-2.

Wilde and D. W. Butler (G.B.) beat Hecht and Caska, 6-3, 15-17, 9-7.

USEFUL HOCKEY REMEDIES

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breach of the rule until he learns to roll in the proper way. There is always a lot of unnecessary delay at the roll-in and at corners, caused by players standing with sticks and feet over the line. In nearly every game before the ball can be rolled in or a corner taken the umpire has to direct players to keep behind the

AUSTRALIA AND THE DAVIS CUP

Sydney, November 16.—Australia may not challenge for the Davis Cup next year. On arrival here from his visit to England and the United States, Mr. Norman Brookes, the president of the Australian L.T.A., said that he thought Australia should not challenge.

"Three of the team have gone abroad for four consecutive years and they seem tired both mentally and physically. A winter at home will do them the world of good," he said.

HOCKEY

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back. Land's display last Sunday was discounted by many as being too spectacular to be safe, but I liked the way in which he used that stick one-handed, although I should be the last to encourage him to continue doing so. I understand, unofficially, that he is not over-keen on playing!

In my selection of the Probable and Possible Colony half-backs I would have Spr. Ray, W. A. Reed and Malik, as the Probable line, and R. A. Marques or J. Gonsalves, Land or A. G. Cox and Sig. Austen as the Possibles' line.

MALIK A FINE HALF

Malik, although he gave away an unfortunate goal last Sunday, was probably the most consistent of the six halves on display, his spilling reaching great heights, while he completely held the dangerous Army right-wing combination of Shak Wali and Saval Khan.

My Probable forward line would be S. A. Fowler (Club), T. Whitley (Club) or Saval Khan (Rajputs), Pritam Nath (Rajputs) or Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), U. Kraus ("Y") or Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.) and V. Bond (Club). One had only to see Whitley in action last Friday against the Navy to realise what a fine inside-right he is. He was always up with his other forwards and a grand opportunist.

The Possibles' attack, there are very few right-wingers as good as Fowler to-day, although Khuda Bux, of the H.K.S.B.A., runs him a close second. Gurbachan Singh could fill the leader's berth. Diyett, a bustling and hard-working forward would probably qualify for the inside-right berth, while my left-wing combine would comprise J. M. Pin-tos and Wall, of the Police.

I would like to see these two teams, or as near to them as possible, in action at an early stage; have the Interport probable side selected a month before the date of the match, and to see the team in action against a truly representative side comprising the Rest of the Colony.

The trouble with our Interport teams, it is the same thing in soccer, is that they are never or rarely given an opportunity of playing together for any length of time before their big ordeal. There is no reason why they shouldn't be as Macao have given us an opportunity by asking for a postponement until later in the season.

More goals would be scored from corners if umpires would be more alert when a corner is taken. Too often defenders are allowed to trespass over the goal line before the corner is actually hit.

YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE BADMINTON

University Beat Free Lances In Mixed

CHINESE "Y" WIN EASILY

Three badminton matches were played yesterday, two in the Men's "A" Division of the League and one in the Mixed.

In the latter, University caused rather a surprise in beating Free Lances by 6 games to 3, the complete eclipse of J. L. Anderson and Miss Madge Griffiths, who only managed to win one game, being chiefly responsible.

K. L. Yong and Miss Lianw, for the University, were in irresistible form and won all their engagements, although they had to fight very hard in each of them.

LITTLE DIFFICULTY

Chinese "Y" had little difficulty in winning against St. Andrew's, W. C. Choy and F. A. Broadbridge being the only home pair to meet with success.

University "B" beat Recreio "B" by 6 games to 3, thanks chiefly to their better balance. E. da Sousa and A. E. Xavier, and L. A. L. Silva and C. A. Marques both won two games, but A. V. Gosano and J. Gonsalves failed in all their encounters.

VARSITY'S MIXED SUCCESS

K. L. Yong and Miss D. Lianw (H.K.U.) beat J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths 21-18
beat S. W. Clark and Mrs. Clark 21-18
beat A. L. Fisher and Miss P. McCaw 21-16
P. K. Hui and Miss J. Choy (H.K.U.) lost to Anderson and Miss Griffiths 17-21
beat Mr. and Mrs. Clark 21-17
beat Fisher and Miss McCaw 24-23
T. F. Yong and Miss J. Anderson (H.K.U.) beat Anderson and Miss Griffiths 21-6
lost to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clark 16-21
lost to Fisher and Miss McCaw 17-21

UNIVERSITY "B" WIN

E. da Sousa and A. E. Xavier (Recreio) lost to K. S. Liew and A. K. Phang 20-24
beat M. S. Lim and C. M. Hing 21-16
beat K. A. Goh and H. K. Kwok 21-19
A. V. Gosano and J. Gonsalves (Recreio) lost to Liew and Phang 6-21
lost to Lim and Hing 11-21
lost to Goh and Kwok 7-21
L. A. da Silva and C. A. Marques (Recreio) lost to Liew and Phang 4-21
lost to Lim and Hing 21-24
beat Goh and Kwok 21-13

HASSETT'S BID TO MAKE "AUSSIE" TEST TEAM

Melbourne, November 17.

Victoria gained a comfortable victory by five wickets over the New Zealand Test team to-day. A. L. Hassett, a delightful free-scoring batsman, who finished second to Bradman in the Australian averages last season, has quickly run into form. He batted for 3 hours and 40 minutes to-day, scoring 127 not out, and he has been selected to play for Bradman's side against Richardson's in the testimonial match at Adelaide next week. He is in the running for a place in the team for England.

THE RUGBY LEAGUE IS A MENACE

FARR PAYS £3,000

ACTION BY MANAGER SETTLED

London, November 16. The action against Tommy Farr, begun by Ted Broadribb after Farr's return from America, has been settled out of court.

The firm of Vivian J. Williams and Company, solicitors for Farr, stated yesterday that under the terms arranged Farr had agreed to pay Broadribb £3,000 and indemnify him in respect of all costs. In addition, each party had



agreed to withdraw allegations against the other.

Broadribb had also agreed to deliver up all contracts signed by Farr, which would leave him free as his own manager.

STATEMENT

A member of the firm of A. E. Wyeth and Company, solicitors for Broadribb, confirmed these terms, and said that a cheque had been received that day. He added:

"The case is coming back into the list in the High Court on Wednesday for the terms to be mentioned to the judge and a statement to be made by counsel."

NO "COME-BACK" FOR PONSFORD

Adelaide, November 16.—W. H. Ponsford, the famous Australian Test player, whose performances against England in Test matches are overshadowed only by those of Don Bradman, has decided not to return to first-class cricket.

Ponsford was included in Richardson's team to play Bradman's side here on Nov. 26-30 in the testimonial match for V. Y. Richardson and V. C. Grimmett, but he has dropped out.

BLACKPOOL PAY RECORD FEE FOR BUCHAN

Two Scottish League Caps

London, November 16.

Buchan, inside-right of Glasgow Celtic, was yesterday transferred to Blackpool at a fee believed to be a record for a Scottish player to England.

Buchan joined Celtic four years ago from Grange Rovers, a junior club, and in 1936 and again this season he played for the Scottish League against the Irish League.

Celtic have placed Miller, their centre-half, and Divers, another inside forward, on the open transfer list at the players' request. Both are young and have had first team experience.

MANY YOUNG WELSH PLAYERS ARE APPROACHED

DRAIN ON THE AMATEUR RESOURCES

(By Rowe Harding)

London, November 16.

THE men who guide the destinies of Welsh Rugby have many problems which never seriously trouble committee men in the other countries. Nearly all of them arise from the fact that in Wales Rugby is the game of the working man, or the out-of-work player. Imperfect knowledge of rules which need a lawyer to interpret, occasional forgetfulness of the distinction between vigorous and rough play, and ever-present difficulties of finance all add to the perplexities which confront the administrators of club and international Rugby in Wales.

CHIEF OF ALL IS WHAT THE AMATEUR REGARDS AS THE PERPETUAL MENACE OF THE RUGBY LEAGUE. DOZENS OF WELSHMEN FORSAKE AMATEURISM EVERY YEAR FOR THE PROFESSIONAL RUGBY OF THE NORTH. A BARE RECITAL OF THE NAMES OF SOME OF THE WELSHMEN WHO HAVE PLAYED IN RUGBY LEAGUE INTERNATIONALS IN RECENT YEARS WILL GIVE SOME INDICATION OF THE LOSSES SUSTAINED BY THE AMATEUR CODE.

Sullivan, Risman, Madden, Edwards, Horley, Jenkins, Watkins, Pugh, Fender, Isaacs, Harold Jones and Murphy are names that come to mind without any prompting, and represent only a small percentage of the Welshmen who have "gone North."

It is not my purpose to engage in a general condemnation of professional Rugby, or to criticise the men who have embraced it.

The particular type of professionalism adopted by the clubs who seceded from the Rugby Union and formed the Northern Union in 1893 is, in theory at any rate, as good as any that can be devised once the principle of payment for playing is accepted.

STEPPING-STONE TO PROSPERITY Their theory is that a man should work at his own job during the week and receive a just payment for entertaining the public on Saturday. There is no doubt that for many young Welshmen out of work, with no prospects, and with relatives to keep, professional Rugby has been the stepping-stone to happiness and comparative prosperity.

A few, of outstanding personality and exceptional ability, have become rich men. But there is another side to the picture. A great many young men, dazzled by the prospect of a windfall of a few hundred pounds, throw up good, steady jobs for something less secure, and presently return to Wales a good deal worse off than they were before.

WHEN PLAYER IS CRITICISED Whenever a player is tempted by an offer to turn professional, his decision is, or should be, influenced by two factors, one economic, the other ethical. It is not for me to criticise or defend the view that professionalism involves some loss of caste.

That it does cannot be disputed. What I am concerned with is that every young player should be advised of the consequences of turning professional, both from the ethical and the economic standpoint.



It has come to my knowledge that Rugby League agents have recently approached youths of 18 and 19 playing for junior organisations. The motto, I suppose, is "Catch 'em young," but is it quite fair to ask these youngsters to take what is, after all, an important decision at an age when the law, at any rate, deems them incapable of thinking for themselves?

DISEASE IN CRICKET BAT WILLOWS

Increase In Essex

Chelmsford, November 16. Notwithstanding widespread inspection of plantations and constant felling during the past two years, watermark disease in Essex cricket bat willows appears to be spreading in many parts of the county.

This is revealed in a report presented to the Essex County Council by Mr. J. C. Leslie, principal of the East Anglian Institute of Agriculture, Chelmsford.

Mr. Leslie says signs seem still to be lacking that growers are prepared to initiate proper action in dealing with the watermarked trees.

Mr. Leslie points out that in the lower Colne Valley an area of about 24 square miles has to a great extent been freed from the disease.



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MIZLER'S FINE LAST ROUND RALLY

WALTER LINDRUM'S CHALLENGE

Sydney, November 17.—Walter Lindrum, world's professional billiards champion, has issued a challenge to any professional billiards player to meet him in a tournament for the world's title here.

"I would welcome any or all of the well-known English players," said Lindrum, "and I think that such a tournament at Sydney, arranged to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the State, would be a bigger financial success than if it were held in London."

CORINTHIANS RECALL FORMER GLORIES

INSPIRED SPELLS BEAT ILFORD

THRILLING RALLY

(By NOMAN ACKLAND)

Ilford 1 Corinthians ... 2

Could the Corinthians maintain the standard of play they showed in the first quarter of an hour and in the last 10 minutes of their F. A. Cup tie with Ilford at Newbury Park, they would soon recapture former glories. It was like the good old times to see the way their forwards, splendidly supported by Caldwell, Pettitt and Davies, played delightfully balanced, go-ahead football.

But between times they had to fight desperately hard to keep the strong, speedy and tremendously determined Ilford players at bay. The Ilford defenders stood up valiantly to their opponents' progressive movements in the early stages, and then their own forwards, led in most inspiring fashion by Griffiths, kept the visiting defenders on their toes for long periods.

Lee, the Corinthians' centre-forward, was very effectively shadowed by Myers, but he managed to elude him in the first minute of the second half, when he snapped up a perfectly timed pass from Thornton to beat Tietjen with a beautiful low shot.

ILFORD'S SCRAMBLING GOAL

Compared with this classic effort Ilford's equalising goal was a scrambling affair. Hellard centred, and Griffiths and a Corinthian defender dashed for the ball at the same time. They collided and the ball went over Naylor's head into the net.

Subsequently we saw Ilford at their best. Craymer tested Naylor with a powerful drive and a few minutes later the Ilford players were appealing frantically for a goal, claiming that Naylor, when charred by Griffiths, had pulled a shot from Marnoch over the line.

MARVELLOUS ESCAPES

In the next few minutes the Corinthian goal had some really marvellous escapes, but towards the end the force of the Ilford attacks abated, and Corinthians staged a thrilling rally.

Swerving over to the left, Lee beat three Ilford defenders and had only to pass to Shearer, who was standing unmarked in perfect posi-

ROTH OUTPOINTED AT N.S.C.

AMERICAN'S COURAGE

(By Harold Lewis)

London, November 16.

HARRY MIZLER, the former British light-weight champion, won an exciting fight on points against **Al Roth**, the experienced American, in the National Sporting Club weekly tournament at Earl's Court, last night.

THERE WERE ROUNDS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIGHT WHICH LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED, CONSISTING OF AN EXHIBITION OF MIZLER RETREATING, FLICKING A LIGHT LEFT INTO THE FACE OF AN EXASPERATED OPPONENT.

But the last round made people forget everything that had gone before. Mizler stood his ground and accepted the tacit challenge to a toe-to-toe battle. He hit Roth fairly on the jaw with left and right at least a dozen times, without the slightest effect, apparently.

THIRD ROUND OF F. A. CUP

Chelsea Omitted From Cabled Draw

Owing to a cabled mistake among the first 14 teams for the draw of the Third Round of the F. A. Cup Competition, it was thought advisable to wait for a correction, but as this is not likely to come through for a day at least, we are publishing below the draw as cabled by Reuters, London, yesterday.

The omission of Chelsea, one of the First Division Clubs, probably occurs among these first 14 teams:

Grimsby v. Swindon, Doncaster, Sheffield United, Crystal Palace, Liverpool, Brentford, Fulham, Everton, Derby, Stoke, Bury v. South Liverpool or Brighton.	Aldershot v. Notts County
Arsenal v. Bolton	Sunderland v. Watford
Swansea v. Wolves	Southend v. Barnsley
Millwall v. Manchester C.	Tottenham v. Blackburn
Tranmere v. Portsmouth	Bradford C. v. Chesterfield
Notts F. v. Southampton	Clapton O. or York v. Coventry
West Brom v. Newcastle	Manchester U. v. Yeovil & Petters
Leeds v. Chester	Charlton v. Cardiff

Mansfield or Lincoln	v. Leicester
Bradford	v. Newport
Huddersfield	v. Hull
Middlesbro	v. Stockport
Sheffield Wed.	v. Burnley
Birmingham	v. Blackpool
Crewe or N. Brighton	v. Plymouth
Norwich	v. Aston Villa
Preston N.E.	v. West Ham
Scarborough	v. Luton

—Reuters.



tion, to make sure of a goal, but he shot himself from a difficult angle and the ball soared over the bar. He atoned for this error four minutes from the end by scoring the winning goal with a fine shot from Riley's pass.

This little American must have a jaw of phenomenal resistance. But any doubts that might have existed as to which man had won vanished during that fierce last round. It was clearly Mizler's, and he was the master when it ended.

BEGAN MAGNIFICENTLY

The trouble with Mizler has always been lack of faith in himself. A beautiful boxer, he began this fight in magnificent fashion, plunging a heavy left to Roth's face several times and then whipping two hard rights to the jaw.

But when he found that this punishment was accepted without the slightest sign of embarrassment by Roth, Mizler began to look worried.

Roth has nothing but boundless courage, a hard body and the complete technique of hooking. He never delivered a single straight punch, and as he is short of arm he delivered very few punches at all.

But during the succeeding rounds the constant aggressiveness of Roth caused Mizler growing anxiety, and, in fact, the fight became a chase.

ROTH LOOKED DANGEROUS

At times Roth looked dangerous, but only because Mizler appeared likely to lose heart. Only when he was penned in a corner did Mizler take the bold line and set about his opponent.

It was said that Roth damaged his right hand during the sixth round; but it could have had little effect upon the fight.

Mizler was always the better boxer, and left people with the same impression as of old—how great could he be if he would believe in himself and let that fine right hand go!

A doctor examined Roth after the fight and found that he had broken two metacarpal bones in his right hand and had also damaged his left.

R.H.K.G.C. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be held in the Board room of the "South China Morning Post" at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, December 17.

INTERNATIONAL WINGER TRANSFERRED

London, November 17.—Johnson, Stoke City's international outside-left, was transferred last night to West Bromwich Albion, and will play for his new club against Everton on Saturday. The fee is believed to be the biggest ever paid by the Midlands club.

Johnson played for England against Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, and Finland last season. He lost his place in the Stoke team through injury early this season, and has since been unable to get back owing to the brilliance of Baker. West Bromwich secured his signature in the face of much opposition bidding, which included offers from Manchester City, Middlesbrough, and Everton.

ANNUAL N.R.A. OVERSEAS COLONIAL MATCH

Rifle Practices Arranged

The N. R. A. Overseas Colonial rifle shooting match for 1937 will be fired by teams representing Hong Kong on December 30, or if conditions are unfavourable, on December 31. The Hong Kong Rifle Association has entered two teams, one using the rifle as issued and the other the S. R. (b), or 1914, rifle.

Practices have been arranged on the Army ranges, on December 17, 20, 23 and 28 in addition to the usual mid-week shoots to-morrow and December 29. All shooting will begin at 2 p.m.

Conditions of the shooting are a sighting shoot and 10 to count at 300, 500 and 600 yards, two firers per target and teams of eight.

POSSIBLE TEAMS

The following have been asked to attend the practice shoots:

S.R. (a) TEAM

Stonecutters Naval Range Staff.—P. O. Richards, Sgt. Bickell. Middlesex Regiment.—Lt. Pullman, Sgt. Cooper, Sgt. Parnell, Cpl. Barkitt, Cpl. Clark, L/Cpl. Baker, L/Cpl. Langford, Pte. Cox, Moss, L/Sgt. Jordan, R.A.O.C. (attached). Seaforth's.—Pte. Cranston. Police.—Cpl. Charan Singh, Cpl. Puran Singh. Stonecutters Naval Range Staff.—C. P. O. Fellow, P. O. Silcock, Sgt. Mannell, Cpl. Morris, Cpl. James, Cpl. Miller, Mne. Heather. Royal Engineers.—Lt. Hawkins, Spr. Downing. Ulster Rifles.—Capt. Ratcliffe. Police.—Insp. Hopkins, Sgt. Russell, Cpl. Puran Singh. Hong Kong Naval Volunteers.—Mrs. Mackie. Dockyard Rifle Club.—Messrs. Watson, Langley, Cory, Lakeman, Austin.

SCHMELING SECURES TKO VERDICT

New York, To-day.

Max Schmeling, of Germany, former world heavyweight boxing champion, last night secured a technical knockout verdict over Harry Thomas, of Chicago, in the eighth round of a 10-round bout.—Reuters.

GREAT SPORTS ARENA PLANNED FOR LONDON

Wimbledon's
Plan For Parkland
Site

TOTAL COST NEAR
\$750,000

London.

A great sports arena, with its own open-air theatre and restaurant, will be erected on a 40-acre parkland site near London, if plans now being considered are accepted by the Wimbledon Council.

The scheme is the outcome of many years' investigation by the Mayor of Wimbledon. The arena project is intended to be Wimbledon's contribution to the Government's national fitness campaign.

"I believe that young people will flock to such a sports centre, if they are able, in the intervals of taking exercise, to listen to music or take refreshment in the open air," said the Mayor of Wimbledon.

"RIGHT ATMOSPHERE"

"We cannot expect the same level of enthusiasm for classes held in a corner of a park, with unsympathetic passers-by criticising the procedure. We are convinced that the right atmosphere must be created to make exercise the happy, healthy thing it should be."

"We aim to cater for every sport, from bowls to boxing, running and rowing."

"In Wimbledon Park, where we secured 155 acres for public recreation in 1914, we have an ideal site."

EVERYTHING CATERED FOR

The principal features of the arena will be a running track, pitches for hockey, lacrosse, association and Rugby football and an open-air swimming pool with sun-bathing facilities.

The scheme would take from five to seven years to complete, and would cost \$750,000. It is intended to provide most of the facilities free of charge, but small fees would be payable for certain organised sports.

HIBERNIAN PLAYER FOR COWDENBEATH

Cowdenbeath have secured the transfer of James Gorman, reserve centre half of Hibernians, Gorman, who is 23 years of age, has been two seasons at Easter Road. He made his debut for the Fife club at Cowdenbeath against Forfar Athletic.



GRIMMETT INJURED—WARD'S 7 WICKETS!

New Zealanders
Easily Beaten

Adelaide, November 9.

F. Ward, the slow bowler, who is a rival to C. V. Grimmett for a place in Australia's Test team to tour England next season, helped South Australia to a 10-wicket victory over the New Zealanders here today.

The tourists, who are playing two other matches in Australia, against Victoria and New South Wales, before returning home, again failed dismally against the guile of Ward, and only just avoided the innings defeat.

Ward took seven for 62 in New Zealand's second innings, and his "bag" for the match was 11 for 121.

Grimmett injured his knee, and did not field in the second innings. He is not likely to play again until the Test trial on Nov. 21.

South Australia—1st inns.—331 (C. L. Badcock 114, R. Hamence 56), 2nd inns.—7 (0 wkt.).

New Zealand—1st inns.—151 (Grimmett 3 for 21, Ward 4 for 59), 2nd inns.—186 (H. G. Vivian 84, M. Wallace 37, Ward 7 for 62).—Reuter.

CRICKET—TOURISTS TRIUMPH BY EIGHT WICKETS

Peshawar, November 8.

A chanceless innings by R. L. Holdsworth, the old Oxford Blue, Sussex and Warwick cricketer, who carried his bat for 80, and some brilliant bowling by L. A. R. Peebles and Abdul Latif, were the features of to-day's play in the match in which Lord Tennyson's side defeated North-Western Frontier Province by eight wickets.

Holdsworth batted splendidly, but failed to save his side from defeat. He defied all the wiles of Peebles, and was at the wicket for 3 hours 25 minutes.

Peebles, making the ball spin a good deal on the matting wicket, claimed seven-wicket for 38 runs in 14 overs.

DON BRADMAN OUT FOR—11—

Adelaide, November 8.

Don Bradman, Australia's Test captain, failed in his first innings of the new Australian first-class cricket season, being out for 11. He had not added to his overnight score when he was caught by Tindill off a fast ball from Cowie.

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Sydney, October 14.

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Tamworth Club should receive a great deal of support. Mr. E. H. Sandell, honorary secretary of the N.S.W.A.S.A., is pleased about the opening.

"With the recent boom in swimming it is pleasing to see all centres adopting the metric system for their various pools," he says. "It is great help not only to officials, but to swimmers who are readily able to compare times with records throughout the world. It assists the selectors who otherwise would have to rely on their judgment and it is helping to create more interest among the younger swimmers throughout the State."

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 13th December, 1937.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Mercantile Bank Building (Second Floor), Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1937, at 12.30 p.m. for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1937.
2. To confirm the election of a Director, to elect a Director and Auditors for the ensuing year.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, the 21st December 1937 to Tuesday, the 28th December 1937, both days inclusive.

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The Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association was formed not long ago for the purpose of sending medical aid to the wounded Chinese Troops and civilians in the North, and already three medical units have been despatched with large supplies of medicine. With the war expanding every day, more personnel and medical supplies are required and more funds needed.

All the proceeds from the Dance will be devoted to the work of the Association and it is hoped that the public will take this opportunity to do its bit for the large number of sufferers in the North.

A feature of this function will be a programme of songs and exhibition dances by leading artists of the Colony and a thoroughly enjoyable evening can be assured. Tickets at \$5.00 each are obtainable at the Reception Office of the Hong Kong Hotel or the offices of the Association, 4th floor, Bank of Canton Building.

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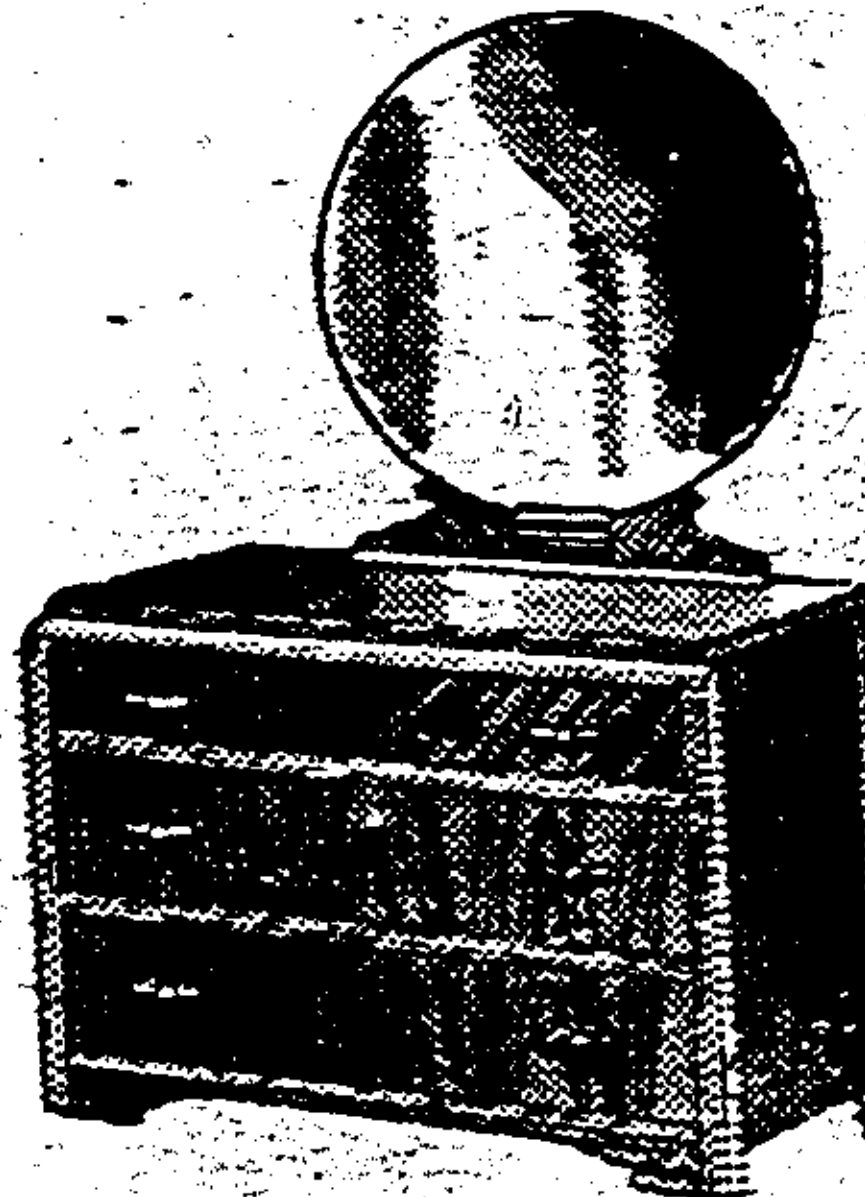
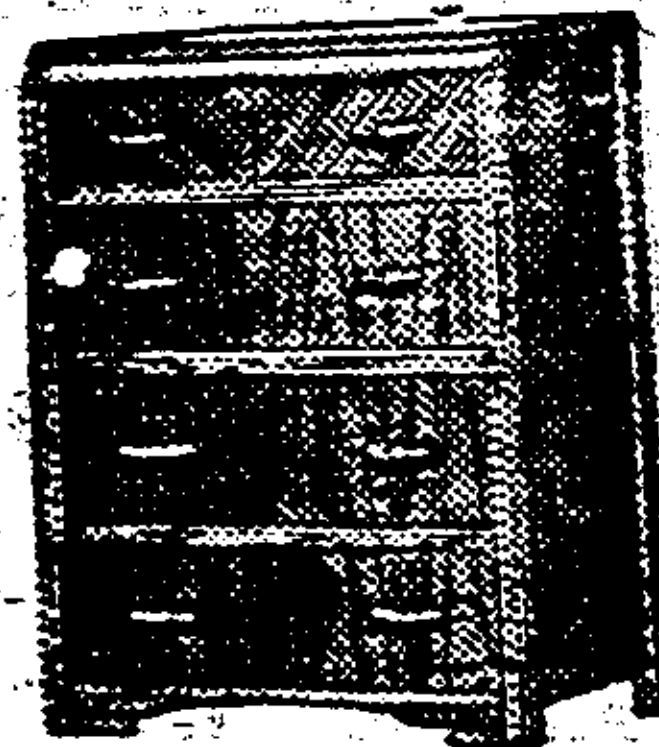
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JUNK STORY ON DELBOS TOUR OF PANAY OUTRAGE

Tokyo, To-day.

For the purpose of internal consumption, it is presumed, the Japanese Government is sticking to the story that the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay and of three Socony vessels occurred during the bombing of escaping Chinese soldiers.

The Foreign Office spokesman to-day said that some twenty junks clustered round the American gunboat which was hit when they were being bombed. — Our Own Correspondent.

SWITZERLAND'S NEUTRALITY

Berne, To-day.

The Swiss Federal Parliament met yesterday to hear a pronouncement by President Motta on the situation created by withdrawal of Italy from the League. The leader of the political department of the Swiss National Council was of the opinion, declared President Motta, that these Geneva developments would compel Switzerland to make a complete return to the principle of unconditional neutrality.

It would be necessary to apprise Geneva of this intention at the appropriate moment. — Trans-Ocean.

EUROPE

Paris, To-day.

Optimism continues to prevail regarding the journey of the Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, in South-East Europe.

The newspapers express the opinion that Yugo-Slavia remains faithful to her friendship with France, and that the visit paid to Rome by the Belgrade Premier does not imply any departure from the fundamental principles of Yugo-Slav policy.

"L'Epoque" writes that in the event of war, Yugo-Slavia will be found on the side of France, and that although Belgrade is not on good terms with Moscow, nevertheless the Belgrade Government will under no circumstances allow itself to be drawn into an ideological conflict.

"Echo de Paris," however, draws attention to the lack of mention of the League of Nations in the Franco-Slav talks in Belgrade. — Trans-Ocean.

Alfred Abel Dead

Berlin, To-day.

Alfred Abel, the well-known German film actor and producer, died in a Berlin hospital yesterday after a long and painful illness at the age of 52. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN AND THE LEAGUE

London, To-day.

That there is no question of Britain abandoning the League of Nations, is emphasised by "The Times" in a leading article on Italy's withdrawal from Geneva, an event which the journal says did not modify the existing international situation.

The journal says that if Britain were to withdraw from the League this would mean abandonment of all hopes of international co-operation on a common platform.

If the League in its present state has proved a failure, then it was up to the governments to give it a new shape which will hold out better prospects of success.

The League must be placed in a position to make practical proposals for eliminating political and economic conflicts between nations. Success along these lines would immediately ease international tension. — Trans-Ocean.

EVENING STANDARD ON OLD TACK

London, To-day.

Withdrawal of Britain from Geneva was demanded by the "Evening Standard" yesterday.

Such withdrawal, declares the paper, should occur as logical outcome of Italy's action, as Britain now has nothing to gain from belonging to the Geneva institution where four of the seven major powers no longer are represented.

In these circumstances, Britain's Geneva obligations might not only become a great encumbrance but also a source of trouble, as there will always remain the possibility of any of the smaller powers making use of them in a manner likely to provoke war.

Such a state of affairs is in keeping neither with idealism nor the interests of the British people.

The article concludes by reiterating the demand that Britain cut adrift from Geneva. — Trans-Ocean.

LAST NANKING RESISTANCE OVERCOME

Shanghai, 2 p.m., To-day.

According to an official communique, all Chinese resistance in Nanking has been overcome, with the rearguard practically annihilated.

Japanese military police are now patrolling the streets and guarding Government offices and bank premises against possible looters. — Our Own Correspondent.

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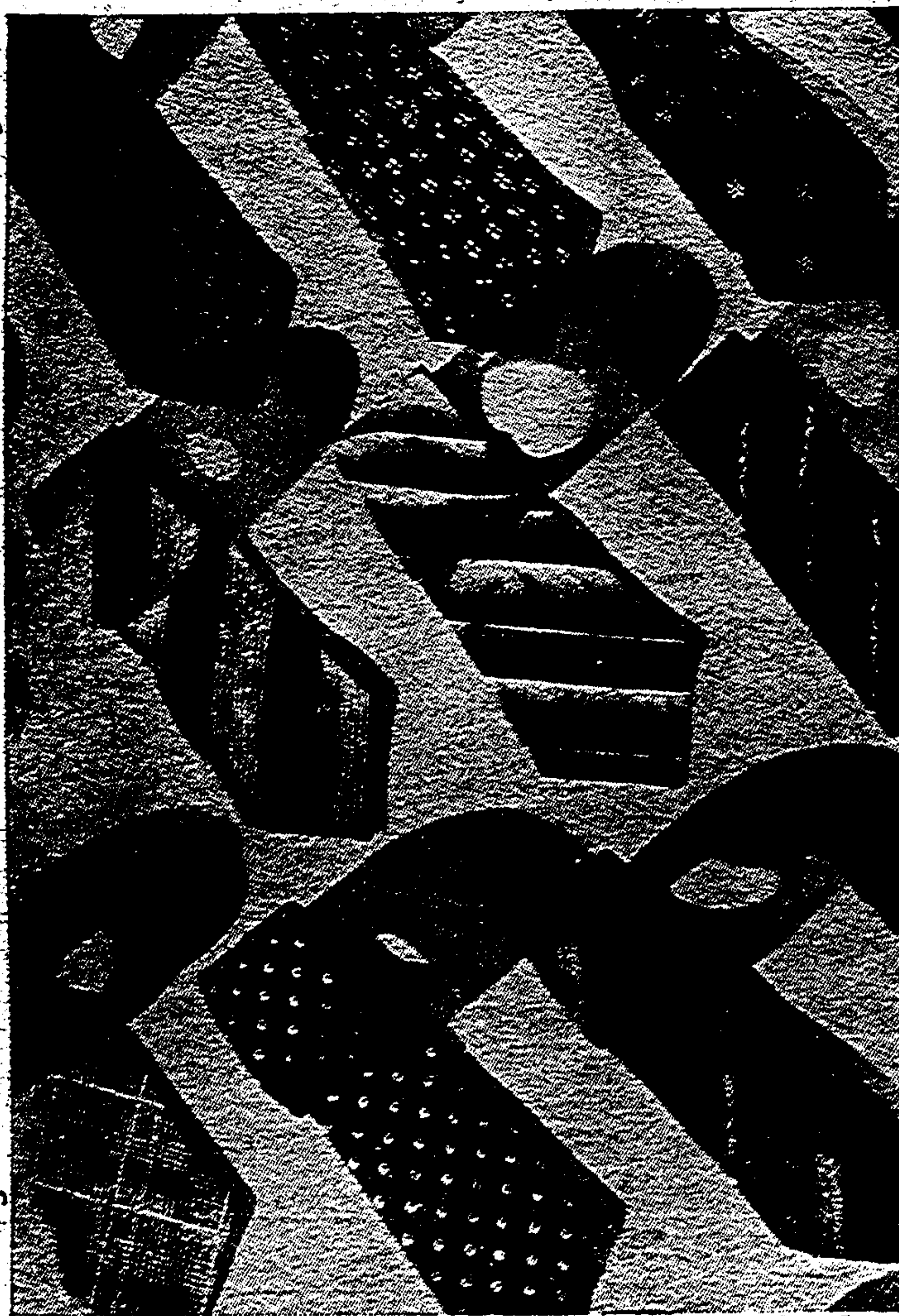
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Shanghai, To-day.

H.M.S. Bee has contacted survivors of the Panay sinking on Hanshan Island.

The gunboat reports that the Italian correspondent, Sandro Sandri, and the storekeeper of the Panay, Charles Ensminger, are both dead.

Eight of the survivors are badly wounded. — Reuter.



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